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Activist foreign policy

After rotation, Peres will still pursue dialogue

By ROY ISACOWITZ
TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Peres has served notice that he intends to pursue an activist foreign policy after he hands over the premiership to Yitzhak Shamir in two months. Peres's planned dealings with Palestinians will be accompanied by an "informal" dialogue, according to senior Labour Party sources. The dialogue will be in the context of the party's new foreign policy platform, adopted some three months ago, which specifically did not exclude non-West Bank Palestinians as potential interlocutors. The framework and guidelines for the dialogue will be set by the new political bureau, which has yet to be established due to disagreements over its composition. Labour's wide contacts with international organizations, such as the Socialist International, will be utilized to arrange talks with non-West Bank Palestinians.

Meeting with Israelis

Mubarak may make a gesture on Ras Burka

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was expected to tell the heads of the Israeli delegation to the Taba talks with whom he met in Alexandria last night that Egypt is ready to deal on a "state-to-state basis" with the problem of compensation for families of the Ras Burka massacre victims. Such a start to the solution of the compensation problem was the major Israeli demand in the "normalization of relations" aspect of the talks, which began in Cairo on Tuesday and are expected to end this morning. A further round of talks is expected in Israel either next week or the week after, focusing on the selection of the three international

Call for international parley

ALEXANDRIA (Reuters). — Jordan's King Hussein and Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak yesterday repeated their calls for an international Middle East peace conference attended by both superpowers. But the statement did not mention directly the so-called "points of commonality" on Middle East peace which U.S. Vice President George Bush Tuesday ascribed to the two Arab leaders and the Israeli government. Long-term prospects for Arab-Israeli peace were thought to have been the top agenda item in the Mubarak-Hussein talks. But the communiqué issued after their meeting placed more stress on the Gulf war.

Leaky's startling find



The discovery of this 2.5-million-year-old 'black skull' provides new insights into the evolution of modern human beings. (Reuters telephoto)

NAIROBI (AP). — British, U.S. and Kenyan scientists have unveiled a fossil called the "black skull," which they say shakes important theories on man's evolution and could cause revision of biology textbooks. "This throws cold water on the notion that as recently as 3 million years ago there was only one species (of early man) which gave rise to the others," said Richard Leakey, Kenya's National Museum's Director and a member of the expedition that discovered the fossil in August 1985. The fossil was discovered by Professor Ian Walker, a scientist from Birmingham, Leicester, in England. "It came as a surprise to us when we dug it up, and I think some of our colleagues are in for a shock," said Walker, a professor of cell biology and anatomy at the Johns Hopkins Medical School in Baltimore, Maryland. Walker and Leakey, the son of paleontologists Louis and Mary Leakey, told a news conference here on Wednesday the find supports their theory that there was more than one species of primitive man 3 million years ago. It strongly questions a rival school of thought led by U.S. paleontologist Don Johanson that at that time there was only one type of early man, like Lucy. Lucy is the nearly half-complete skeleton that Johanson discovered in (Continued on Page 3)

GSS men likely to keep mum

By BARBARA AMOUYAL
Attorneys are likely to advise their Shin Bet clients not to testify before police investigators until they know if the presidential pardons granted to GSS men are "final and incontrovertible." According to attorney Dov Weisglass, the GSS men could jeopardize their case by testifying "prematurely" since an expanded panel of justices might yet overturn Wednesday's decision upholding the pardons. By law, "witnesses" in the Shin Bet probe will be obligated to answer all questions relating to the hijacking of bus No. 300 to Ashkelon and the ensuing cover-up. But "suspects" may refrain from answering questions they consider incriminating. The Jerusalem Post has learned that police Inspector-General David Kraus has already invited Shin Bet chief Avraham Shalom and three GSS executives to testify before his four-member investigating team. But a date has not yet been set for the interrogation. Political figures will be invited for questioning at a later stage. Kraus met yesterday with Attorney-General Yosef Harish to discuss the police probe into the Shin Bet affair. According to Justice Ministry sources, Harish and Kraus have not decided whether to proceed "full course" with the investigation or to wait until potential petitioners ask the High Court to reconsider the pardon issue. Citizens Rights Movement MK Shulamit Aloni yesterday submitted an amendment to the Basic Law: The President concerning eligibility for pardon. Aloni's amendment says that "offender" in Section 11 shall be someone who has been convicted in a court of the final instance. The majority in the High Court ruled on Wednesday that, for purposes of the Basic Law, anyone who has allegedly committed a crime, and not only someone who has been convicted by a court, may be considered an offender and thus eligible for pardon. The minority opinion held that only those convicted and sentenced may be considered "offenders" and hence eligible for pardon under the Basic Law.

Jerusalem synagogue vandalized

By BARBARA AMOUYAL
For The Jerusalem Post
A Tora scroll and hundreds of prayer books were destroyed late Wednesday night in a Habad synagogue in Jerusalem. Police termed the vandalism a "sick and inciteful pogrom." According to police, vandals entered the synagogue in the Givat Shalom industrial zone by breaking a window. They broke into the Holy Ark and slashed a Tora scroll. Hundreds of prayer books were ripped and thrown on the floor. The damage was discovered last night by two American olim from the nearby community of Har Nof, who had come to prepare the synagogue for Sabbath services. Jerusalem police chief Haim Albalades yesterday speculated that the synagogue vandalism could have been the act of "a frustrated and sick individual." He said he had "little reason to believe" that it had been committed by secular individuals. He stressed that there were no suspects yet. Habad Hassidim from all over the city came to the synagogue last night to recite Psalms. Many tore their clothes as a sign of mourning. Mayor Teddy Kollek visited the synagogue and promised to provide a new Tora scroll in time for tomorrow's Sabbath services.



A police detective sorts through prayer books that were torn up in a Jerusalem synagogue Wednesday. (Yossi Zamir, Scoop 80)

Fatah threat to backers of Jordan

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A leaflet signed by Fatah and containing direct personal threats against prominent supporters of Jordan in the territories, has been distributed in the areas. The leaflet, which also calls for armed Palestinian action, is a response to a pro-Jordanian handbill distributed in the areas last week signed by a group called "The Preparatory Committee for Palestinian-Jordanian Alignment." The latest Fatah leaflet names three prominent pro-Jordanian Palestinians and warns them that "the revolution is constantly watching your every step; the occupation authorities will not protect you from the hands of our revolutionaries and struggling masses. The watchdogs around you who are enamored of Jordanian and American money are not stronger than the occupation's [military] camps and its soldiers armed to the teeth, who have been reached by the hands and explosive charges of the Fatah heroic revolutionaries." The leaflet charges that the pro-Jordanian Palestinians are being paid off by Jordan and are operating under the protection of Israel and Jordanian intelligence. It calls them "traitors," "deviators from the national consensus" who "are trying to stab the Palestinian people in the back."

Jericho settlement bid

By JOEL GREENBERG
Members of the Tebiya settlement group and Gush Emunim accompanied by Knesset Member Genua Cohen and Rabbi Moshe Levinger, succeeded last night in getting through IDF roadblocks and reaching the vicinity of the ancient synagogue in Jericho. An attempt by Gush Emunim members to reach the site Wednesday had been blocked by the IDF. An IDF spokesman said OC Central Command Ehud Barak told Cohen she could enter the synagogue with only two members of the group. But she refused, insisting that all 15 in the group be allowed to accompany her. The group said that it wanted to pray at the site, and that members hoped to settle in the city eventually. The spokesman added that soldiers had "generally acted in a proper fashion" when they opened fire Wednesday after two vehicles driven by Gush Emunim members ran an IDF roadblock near Jericho as they tried to reach the synagogue. A ricocheting bullet fired at the road shattered one vehicle's windshield.

Jewish in the teeth

Examination of teeth from an ancient Jewish grave has offered evidence to Israeli anthropologists that most of today's Jews, whether Ashkenazim or Sephardim, are genetically far closer to the Jews of the biblical period than they are to the non-Jewish populations among whom they have been living for centuries. (More details, appear in today's Magazine.)

Grade rises okayed

Budget cuts to cabinet on Sunday

By ROY ISACOWITZ
and Post Economic Staff
An immediate freeze on 75 per cent of the government's contracts will be the central feature of the NIS 450 million budget-cut proposal which Finance Minister Moshe Nissim will submit to the cabinet on Sunday, The Jerusalem Post has learned. In addition to the \$300m., Nissim will ask the cabinet to implement another \$150m. in budget cuts approved in principle by the ministers earlier in the year. Government sources said this \$150m. would include \$50m. from cuts in subsidies for public transportation and \$100m. from reduced teaching hours in the school system. The \$300m. in cuts will include a 3.9 per cent across-the-board cut in all the ministries' budgets, except defence, which will be slashed by only \$40m. By calling for an overall reduction only, Nissim aims to give individual ministers the freedom to choose which items to cut from their respective budgets. The hope is that this will avoid cabinet clashes over where to reduce spending. Nissim has reportedly already agreed to extend the economic stabilization law for three months beyond its expiry date in December. Details of the extension, which will continue the freeze on the prices of subsidized goods and will maintain the stability of the exchange rate, were discussed yesterday during a meeting between Treasury Director-General Emanuel Sharon and Histadrut Trade Union Department chairman Haim Haberfeld. The extension is due to be finalized by Nissim and Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar early next week. Haberfeld told The Post last night that the Histadrut would not sign the wage agreement (Continued on Page 19)

PM: Defence spending should not be pared

By AVI HOFFMANN
Post Defence Reporter
Premier Peres yesterday warned that defence spending, the major victim in the government's budget-slashing programme, could not continue to be restricted if Israel was to maintain a realistic defence posture. "During the past two years, we were forced to cut the defence budget. It is not our intention, nor do we have the right to continue with this policy of cuts," said Peres, speaking at a graduation ceremony at the National Defence College. The government would have to find ways to prevent level of consumption rising without restriction, while the standard of defence stagnated, he added. Peres pointed out that peace with Egypt had been achieved because it had been realized that wars did not achieve anything. Future wars would be prevented only if Israel had the strength to deter them, he said. Poor wages and relative quiet were depriving the IDF of top quality manpower. At the same time, the prime minister warned Syria that draining its economic resources dry in order to gain a military advantage over Israel would be to no avail, since the IDF was constantly on the alert to thwart any Syrian offensive. "A country that perpetuates its economic backwardness in order to advance its military might will find that backwardness sometimes overcomes the advances," Peres said. Despite its economic straits, Syria had doubled its military strength in the past five years. It had set for itself the objective of achieving strategic parity with Israel, as if this parity were a mechanical comparison between the Syrian and Israeli forces. The real comparison, Peres said, was between Damascus' massive defence expenditure and its economic ability to support it. Syria had turned itself into a land of fortifications, and had paid a heavy price to boost its army's mobility, offensive capability and night-fighting capacity. It had spent large amounts to purchase ground missiles and chemical warheads, said Peres, "as if with these weapons it would be able to determine the course of a war." The premier pointed an accusing finger at Damascus for being "the biggest centre for terrorist activity in the Middle East." Despite this, the premier said that both nations had no real interest in war.

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Golan	47	18-28	28
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Safed	45	18-28	30
Haifa Port	45	18-28	30
Tiberias	35	23-35	35
Nazareth	44	20-29	38
Afula	49	21-32	32
Sharon	46	20-30	29
Tel Aviv	57	21-30	30
B-G Airport	46	21-30	30
Jericho	40	23-30	36
Gaza	71	23-30	32
Beersheba	37	18-32	32
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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The new consul-general of France, Jean-Claude Cousseran, was greeted yesterday at Jerusalem city hall by Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Treasury team to South Africa

A delegation headed by Treasury Director-General Emmanuel Sharon left last night for South Africa to negotiate "credit" and investment agreements, Israel Radio reported.

The visit was postponed two months ago when South Africa imposed its emergency regulations.

The delegation aims to renew the credit Israel receives for buying South African coal, and to persuade the South African government to allow the country's Jews to invest more in the Israeli economy, it was reported.

Sharon stressed that the timing of the trip was determined by the fact that the agreements which have to be renewed annually, were about to expire.

Elyakim Rubinstein to be cabinet secretary

Post Diplomatic Correspondent Elyakim Rubinstein will replace Yossi Beilin as cabinet secretary come rotation in October, sources confirmed yesterday.

Rubinstein is currently the political minister at the Israel Embassy in Washington.

Foreign Ministry sources said yesterday that assistant director-general Hanan Bar-On was only "one of the candidates" for the ambassadorship in Washington. Among the names recently bandied about in this connection have been Dan Meridor and Roni Milo, both Likud MKs.

Yitzhak Tzoref, Israel's ambassador to Zaire, has been appointed ambassador to Brazil; Ya'acov Bracha, the deputy director of the ministry's Latin America Department, has been appointed ambassador to Paraguay; Moshe Yitzhak, the deputy director of the Diaspora Department, has been appointed ambassador to Bolivia; and Mordechai Yaddi, the director of the International Organizations Department, has been appointed deputy consul-general in New York.

Zvi Ne'eman has been appointed director of the Churches Department, replacing Yael Vardi, who has become the ministry's first woman deputy director-general for international organizations.

Police garage bombed

GAZA. — A bomb exploded yesterday at a police garage in downtown Gaza, wounding three local employees.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Harish: Drop case against poster firm

By BARBARA AMOUYAL
For The Jerusalem Post

Attorney-General Yosef Harish yesterday advised Police Inspector-General David Kraus not to bring criminal charges against the Tel Aviv-based advertising firm Poster Media, saying it was unlikely that the case could be won.

Kraus had announced two weeks ago his intention to charge Poster Media for allegedly offending religious sensibilities, a crime under Section 173 of the Criminal Law.

Kraus's decision followed complaints by ultra-Orthodox circles in Jerusalem who took exception to the firm's bus shelter advertisements.

One of their advertisements show a young woman leaning on three men. This caused offense to the religious, insisted Attorney Shulamit Dotan in a complaint presented in the name of over a dozen ultra-Orthodox Jerusalemites.

Poster Media managing director Amnuel Shalem promised last week to remove the offensive advertisements in Jerusalem, but called the police investigation unfair. "Police helplessness in arresting those suspected of burning or vandalizing bus shelters led to Kraus's decision. I reject the police position of blaming us instead of the real offenders," said Shalem.

Suspect flees mental hospital

By YORAM GAZIT
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. — A suspected criminal ordered detained in a mental institution for observation escaped Wednesday evening after shooting at a male nurse.

Meir Halifa, 23, of Bat Yam was arrested on July 27 on suspicion of committing two burglaries. The next day, the Tel Aviv District Court extended his remand until the end of his trial. The court ordered that Halifa be sent to the Abarbanel Mental Hospital for observation.

Last Wednesday morning, Halifa was visited by his mother and brother; in the afternoon, he saw a 28-year-old woman who lives with his family.



Meir Halifa

When the woman was asked to leave the hospital before the doctor's rounds at 7:30 p.m., Halifa escorted her to the exit. He then pulled out a gun, pushed the male nurse who kept watch over him, and shot at him three times before fleeing. The shots missed the nurse and no one was hurt. The woman was detained.

Halifa, who is 1.60 metres tall and thin, was last seen wearing blue hospital trousers, a blue-striped shirt and running shoes. The police have warned that he may be dangerous since he is armed.

TOILET THIEF. — A Gaza resident who allegedly stole a shipment of sinks and toilet bowls worth NIS 45,000 from Ashdod port was ordered held in custody yesterday.

Koenig, Likud MK decry returning Area 9 to Arabs

By SARAH HONIG
and Jerusalem Post Staff

Yisrael Koenig, the Interior Ministry's former northern district representative, yesterday criticized the government decision to terminate military activities in Galilee's Area 9 and return parts of it to Arab landowners.

Koenig said Wednesday's decision by a ministerial committee including Prime Minister Peres, Defence Minister Rabin and Minister-without-Portfolio Weizman was "slightly hasty and did not take into account long-term implications."

Yosef Ginat, Weizman's senior aide, said he was "surprised at Koenig's statement that the decision to return the lands was hasty" — since it had taken over a year.

Meanwhile, Likud MK Uzi Landau called on his party to see that the decision on Area 9 was reversed, and hinted that the release of the lands was part of a Labour ploy to win Arab votes.

Other Likud members have charged that Vice Premier Shamir was remiss in agreeing to a ministerial committee on which the Likud

and its allies had no representative. The only other member of the Area 9 committee was another Labour man, Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin.

The Area 9 decision "will serve as a dangerous precedent," Landau argued, referring to Arab demands for other lands in the Carmel area and neighbouring kibbutzim and moshavim. He said that the project to increase Jewish settlement in Galilee would be jeopardized.

Landau maintained that a close examination of the legal status of Area 9 would show that only 9 per cent of it was owned by Arabs, and that there was considerable illegal squatting and construction on publicly owned sections, which the authorities had so far ignored.

Most of the deeds to the 9 per cent were issued in the 1960s to Labour political allies and vote organizers, Landau said.

"The lands were state-owned during the British Mandate government and certainly before," said Koenig, adding that he doubted "the claim that these lands have been privately owned for hundreds of years."



GETTING TO KNOW YOU. — Rivka Stang of Beersheba handles a snake as part of a zoology lesson at the Summer Science Seminar at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Some 600 high-school pupils from Israel and North America have participated in the programme.

Demjanjuk lawyer off to Treblinka

Jerusalem Post Reporter

John Demjanjuk's American attorney Mark O'Connor left last night for Treblinka, Poland in an attempt to secure depositions from camp survivors who knew "Ivan the Terrible."

Sources close to the attorney representing suspected Nazi criminal John Demjanjuk said O'Connor received an urgent call from European officials who agreed to cooperate with O'Connor's efforts to extract witness testimony. According to the sources, O'Connor hopes that those who knew "the real Ivan" would testify in Israeli court that Demjanjuk "is not the man."

Hassan: No secret deal with Peres

Jerusalem Post Staff

Morocco's King Hassan II told reporters last night that no secret agreements were reached in his talks last month with Prime Minister Peres. He said that the talks could not be compared to those between Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin.

Message from Romania

Prime Minister Peres yesterday received a message from Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu concerning the Middle East and Peres's recent visit to Morocco.

On the thirtieth day after the passing of our beloved

AIDA BARENBOIM ז"ל

we will honour her memory with a tombstone unveiling ceremony on Monday, August 11, 1986 at 5:30 p.m. at the Har Hamenuhot cemetery, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

We will meet at the cemetery entrance plaza.

Enrike and Daniel Barenboim

Elsa and Family

We share your deep grief on the death of your beloved husband and father

Dr. ABRAHAM (Romek) EISEN ז"ל

Shlomo Zabludowicz and family

Court ruling 'good for the GSS'

Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, who was justice minister during most of the General Security Service affair, says that had Wednesday's High Court ruling on the presidential pardons "gone the other way, I would also respect and revere it."

As it is, Nissim believes the court's decision — upholding President Herzog's pardon of the four senior GSS officials implicated in the affair — "will enable the GSS to recuperate more quickly and easily" and has brought "tranquillity to the public domain."

Nissim throughout was a staunch supporter of the president's right to pardon persons in advance of investigation, trial and conviction. He believed that the president had usefully and beneficially exercised that right in the present case.

He shows the draft of former attorney-general Yitzhak Zamir's June 1985 opinion to Herzog and Prime Minister Peres, regarding the possible pardoning of members of the Jewish terrorist underground, in which Zamir denied the president's right to pardon in advance of conviction. At the time, Nissim had written a note in black ink in the margins, quoting an opinion of Supreme Court Justice Meir Shamgar (dated September 6, 1984), that "the right of pardon... can be exercised also regarding an offence that has not yet been adjudicated."

Nissim at the time also severely criticized Zamir's opinion that the president should refrain from pardoning even convicted Jewish terrorists so long as the trial of other underground members was taking place in order not to influence the judges. Nissim believes that "those who lambasted Herzog for granting the pardons should now apologize."

Nissim, however, objects strongly to attempts to link the GSS pardons to a possible pardoning of the Jewish underground prisoners. He calls comparisons between the actions of

IN PERSON

BENNY MORRIS



Moshe Nissim

the two groups — as made by Likud MK Yuval Ne'eman — "was nonsense."

Nissim as justice minister played an important role in the case of the political handling of the GSS affair. Back in March 1985, a month after Zamir had given up the case following complaints to him by the three GSS dissidents, Nissim had Peleg Raddai and Rami Markovitz, Nissim had proposed to Zamir that he and Peres, as a quiet solution, agree to the resignation of GSS chief Avraham Shalom. "This took effect in months," he had also proposed to Peres that he call in the dissident heads in the GSS and read out to them a "code of behaviour" for operational procedures in future.

Nissim says he greatly respects Zamir and that he had worked with him "for six years without any problems." But Zamir, according to Nissim, balked at his proposal, de-

clining the "immediate" resignation of Shalom and his three implicated aides as the price for calling off any further investigation. Nissim says that "the stubbornness" of both Zamir and Peres — who wanted Shalom left in office, untouched — prevented a quiet, rapid solution, as he had proposed.

But in general, Nissim criticized the "wisdom after the event" of those attacking the government's — meaning Peres's, Yitzhak Shamir's and Yitzhak Rabin's — treatment of the affair after February-March.

Nissim was, and remains, a staunch opponent of a judicial commission of inquiry being unleashed on the GSS. "It would take six years, six years in which the GSS would be unable to function and in which the state would be shaken by the affair. First, there would be one or two years of inquiry. Then, the police would be asked to investigate. Then, there would be prosecutions, with trials first in district courts and then, on appeal, in the Supreme Court. More than 100 investigators, officials, policemen would learn the state's darkest secrets. Within minutes, everything would be published abroad. Those who want a commission of inquiry are being irresponsible," he says.

"There are moments in the life of a nation when it is undesirable that something would be investigated by a commission of inquiry, unless the nation wants to commit suicide or suffer severe damage," he says. As an afterthought, Nissim adds that the main politician who would have suffered from such an inquiry "would be Peres, not Shamir."

Nissim sits behind a file-cabinet desk in an enormous room, a grandiose piece of Jerusalem on his right. This is the room in the Justice Ministry where a third the size, dark, somewhat dimly lit, and "I didn't build it, and I didn't do the painting," he says.

Delay in funeral for mother, children killed in car crash

BEERSHEBA (Itim). The body of 12-year-old Liat Ohayon, one of the people killed in Wednesday's road accident in the Arava, will be flown to Canada today. But funeral arrangements for the other four victims have not been finalized yet.

As a result, the funeral of the 40-year-old Liat's mother, Shagit, will be delayed until Sunday. Liat was the youngest of the four children.

The delay has been caused by the fact that the bodies of the four victims were buried. The ceremony, which took place in Be'er Sheva, will be held in Haifa and the bodies of Liat Ohayon's parents, who had sought the change of venue.

Liat Ohayon's husband, Yehonatan, and one of his family only waked in Eilat's Josephat Hospital yesterday morning. He was driving at the time of the accident and was severely injured.

The Directors and Staff of the British Olm Society mourn with their colleague Fanny Maniewicz the passing of her dear husband

JACOBO MANIEWICZ

and expresses sincere condolences to all the family.

In deep sorrow we announce the death of our dear mother and grandmother

FROMA GORDON

The funeral will take place today, Friday, August 8, 1986. For details, phone 03-346607.

Barbara Decktor Rachel and Morris Rasbash Yonit and Boaz Zilberman

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother

RAYE KATZ ז"ל

In Albany, New York

Her husband: Julius Debbie and Myron Lieberman Janet and Tom Fink Grandchildren and great-grandchild

Memorial Service The unveiling of the tombstone of our beloved

ANDREE SALOMON ז"ל

will take place on Monday, August 11, 1986, 6 Menahem Av, at 5:45 p.m. We shall meet at the entrance of Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

The Bereaved Family

The Jewish Colonization Association mourns the loss of its Vice President

MICHAEL M. SACHER ז"ל

The President, Council and Staff of London and Tel Aviv convey their sympathy to the family.

An Azkara (memorial service) in memory of

JOSEPH SAUL GREEN ז"ל

Founder Bnei Akiva, South Africa, will take place at Kfar Etzion on August 18, 1986, אב 18 at 4 p.m. Suzy Green and family Tel. 02-444499

The American Friends of Tel Aviv University

deeply mourn the passing of

ALICE GITTER

and offer sincere condolences and sympathy to her husband, Mr. M.B. Gitter, Chairman of the University's Executive Council, and the members of the family.

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Our beloved mother and grandmother

ORAN CARMEL

nee Pipel left us on August 4, 1986.

In the name of the mourning family — Dr. Gideon Carmel

On the thirtieth day after the passing of our beloved mother and grandmother

FLORENCE JACOBS ז"ל

a memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone will take place on Tuesday, August 12, 1986, at 5 p.m., at the Kfar Haim Cemetery.

The Family

Hadar Am

On the second yahrzeit of our beloved husband and father

Rabbi LOUIS ISAAC RABINOWITZ ז"ל

there will be a memorial service at Givat Shaul Cemetery on Thursday, August 14 (8 Av).

We shall meet at the entrance to the cemetery at 4:30 p.m.

Wife, Tania

and Family

To Frieda and Anram Blum

We share your grief and extend our deepest sympathy on the death of your beloved

BERTHA TELLER ז"ל

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Moshe and Yetta Braunstein, New York The Blass Family, Jerusalem

Announcement in Moscow:

Ex-CIA man defects

MOSCOW. — A former officer of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has fled to Moscow in a rare case of an American agent seeking political asylum in the Soviet Union.

Tass news agency announced yesterday that the president of the Supreme Soviet had granted an asylum request from Edward Lee Howard on humanitarian grounds.

"He has stated that the motive for his request is that he has to hide from U.S. secret services which persecute him without foundation," Tass said.

The U.S. embassy said the case was very rare but declined further comment.

Last month, Howard was accused in the U.S. of spying for the Soviet Union but was never apprehended.

U.S. law enforcement authorities accused Howard, 34, of passing highly sensitive intelligence data to the Soviet Union which might have led to the arrests of some American intelligence agents in Moscow and to the execution of at least one. He had a posting in the U.S. embassy in Moscow in 1983, but was pulled off the assignment.

Sources quoted by the Los Angeles Times said Howard had worked for the CIA's clandestine service from

1981 to 1983 and may have provided details on how the U.S. gathered sensitive intelligence information from the Soviet Union.

Howard was fired by the CIA in 1983 for alleged misconduct and apparently then began selling sensitive information to Soviet agents, the sources said.

Upon leaving the CIA, he moved to New Mexico and took a low-paying job as an economic analyst with the state legislature there. After he fell under suspicion, he was followed and watched by FBI agents. But he managed to slip away from his home in Santa Fe last September and disappeared.

Howard, who left a wife and young child when he eluded FBI agents and skipped the country, was identified as a spy by Vitaly Yurchenko, a Soviet official who defected to the U.S. Yurchenko later went back to the Soviet Union, embarrassing the CIA, which had touted his initial defection as an intelligence coup.

The granting of political asylum to Howard marked the first defection by someone known to have worked for the CIA.

It also was the first U.S. defection

to the Soviet Union since two National Security Agency employees and a series of U.S. servicemen protesting the Vietnam war took asylum in the 1960s.

Howard's case also had some of the flavour of the celebrated spy scandals involving British defectors Kim Philby, Donald MacLean and Guy Burgess.

Defecting U.S. servicemen appeared on Soviet television to denounce American policy in Vietnam and a defector named John Smith wrote newspaper articles in 1967 saying he had been a CIA agent — a claim U.S. officials denied.

It wasn't known if Howard would get similar treatment, and Philby and the others never appeared in the media.

Meanwhile, two famous Soviet high-wire performers, who slipped away from the Moscow Circus while performing in Buenos Aires, arrived in Miami yesterday, seeking asylum.

Bertalina Kazakova and her husband, Nikolai Nikolski, both 35, were quickly cleared through customs at Miami airport and taken away for interviews at the immigration office.



Ben Roos stands guard at a newly-installed fence at the foot of his garden next to South Africa's northern border with Zimbabwe. Like other farmers, he receives arms training to fight black infiltrators. (Reuter telephoto)

Iraqi air attack after Iranian shells kill 75

BAGHDAD (Reuter). — Iraq said yesterday its warplanes launched intensive raids on Iranian oil and power installations a few hours after Iranian shells killed 74 civilians and wounded 140 in a northern Iraqi border town.

A high command communique said squadrons of jets hit an oil refinery and two thermal power stations in the central Iranian city of Isfahan, the main oil export terminal on Kharg Island in the Gulf and an electric power station at Muntazeri, whose location was not given.

The communique said all the Iraqi jets returned safely to base.

In Tehran, the national news agency Ima said anti-aircraft gunners shot down one Iraqi plane over

Isfahan. But a Baghdad military spokesman commented: "We challenge the Iranian rulers to support their claim with any proof."

Iraq said 74 civilians, including 21 children, were killed and 140 injured on Wednesday night when Iranian shells hit a housing complex in Halabja, some 240kms. northeast of Baghdad and 20kms. west of the border with Iran, and promised retribution "to punish Iranian rulers."

Tehran newspapers yesterday printed a statement by Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini who said peace with Iraq would disgrace Islam and lead to domination of Iran by the superpowers.

Arab League short of funds

TUNIS (Reuter). — The Arab League is facing the worst financial crisis in its 41-year history because member states suffering from lower oil incomes are holding back their contributions. Arab diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The 21-member Tunis-based league, which has an annual budget of around \$30 million, has warned member states that a total freeze on all projects might have to be imposed at the end of the month.

More than half the league's members are not up to date with their annual payments and some are four years in arrears, the sources said.

"It's the worst financial crisis which has hit the Arab League since

its foundation," said one diplomat, who asked not to be named.

Arab League secretary general Chedli Klibi received all permanent representatives to the group last week and informed them that drastic cutbacks will be necessary if payments are not forthcoming, the sources added.

The diplomatic sources said that salaries of Arab League staff and the upkeep of headquarters here and offices elsewhere accounted for about 50 per cent of the budget.

But it would be the league's projects, development programmes, activities of its myriad agencies and planned symposia which would be first in the firing line for cuts.

Hostages kept moving in Lebanon

BEIRUT (AP). — Interior Minister Abdallah Rassi said yesterday that the kidnappers of American and French hostages have been shifting their captives between secret prisons in Lebanon.

He also said in an hour-long interview with the Associated Press that Syrian President Hafez Assad's government was determined to "help free all of them."

"When I took over, we had word where the hostages were. But now we don't," said Rassi, who assumed his key government post two weeks ago.

Asked whether this meant the kidnappers have changed the captives' latest prison, he said: "Yes, I am certain they are moving them from one place to another."

Local informants have said the hostages had been held in East Lebanon's ancient city of Baalbek, in Beirut's old Jewish Quarter of Wadi Abu-Jamil and in various Shiite Moslem suburbs of the capital.

Movement of the 16 foreign hostages suggests the kidnappers are anxious to prevent Syrian army troops from discovering the location of the captives.

Moroccan Jews find desecrated graves

Jews who recently travelled to Layon, Morocco, to visit an ancestral burial ground discovered dozens of desecrated graves, according to a report by Erev Shabbat correspondent Eli Cohen.

Residents of this town on the Algerian border apparently emptied

the coffins after hearing rumours that ashes from the bones of the Jews buried there could be used to stop the spread of a plague among their livestock.

The visiting Israelis brought a complaint to the Jewish community organization in Morocco.

PLO Executive to meet in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (Reuter). — The executive committee of the PLO will meet in Baghdad tomorrow to discuss the talks between Morocco's King Hassan and Prime Minister Shimon Peres, a PLO spokesman said yesterday.

He said the meeting, to be presided over by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, would also discuss U.S. Vice President George Bush's recent tour of Israel, Jordan and Egypt, and prospects for an Arab-Summit meeting.

Meanwhile in Moscow, a Palestinian diplomat said yesterday that

"positive results" were achieved this week in talks here aimed at uniting factions within the PLO.

The spokesman reached at the PLO's Moscow representation declined to identify himself by name, but confirmed that he is one of the five Palestinian envoys based in the Soviet capital.

Palestinian sources in Tunis, where the PLO is headquartered, has reported that the delegation to the Moscow talks was headed by Mahmoud Abbas, a member of the PLO Executive Committee.

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Plastic heart recipient dies after 20 months

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AFP). — The death on Wednesday of the longest surviving artificial heart recipient, William Schroeder, will slow down such research considerably, doctors and specialists said here yesterday.

Schroeder died 20 months after his operation, when he became the second man to receive a Jarvik-7 plastic heart, two years after Barney Clark, who survived 112 days.



British actor Timothy Dalton, 42, has been issued the next licence to kill as James Bond, agent 007, replacing Roger Moore. Dalton has performed classic roles for the Royal Shakespeare Company and was selected to star in the next Bond film, "The Living Daylights."

SA lifts some restrictions

JOHANNESBURG (AFP). — South African security forces yesterday lifted curfews and a wide range of other restrictions imposed on black areas in Eastern Cape Province, one of South Africa's worst trouble spots.

The authorities also reported the deaths of two black men, one in the Eastern Cape and the other in the Kwanabele tribal homeland northeast of here, bringing the death toll under the country's state of emergency to at least 218.

In the rural slum of Kwanabele, more than 160 people have been killed since May in a fierce power-

struggle between government-established black authorities and political activists fighting Pretoria's plans to give the homeland nominal independence.

Black townships in the Eastern Cape, a focal point of violent opposition to the white minority government and its apartheid system of racial segregation, are subject to the most severe security clampdowns.

But the police commissioner for the region, Brig. Ernest Schneider, announced that night curfews and restrictions on the funerals of people killed in political violence were to be lifted.

73 Indonesians die of cholera

JAKARTA (AFP). — At least 74 people have died and almost 2,000 have been hospitalized after a cholera outbreak in seven Indonesian provinces, the newspaper Sinar Harapan reported yesterday.

It quoted the Health Ministry's director-general for the elimination of contagious diseases, Adhiyatma, as saying the deaths had occurred between June and the third week of July after cholera outbreaks in north and west Sumatra, Aceh, Nusatenggara Timur, central Sulawesi and central and east Java.

Adhiyatma said that what had earlier been described as outbreaks of vomiting and diarrhoea was in fact cholera.

Worst affected were three districts in North Sumatra, where 34 people died and 906 were given medical care, he said, adding that none of the areas affected were tourist destinations.

Ulster MP arrested after raid in Eire

DUBLIN (AFP). — About 150 hard-line Protestants from Northern Ireland, including a member of parliament, crossed into the Irish Republic overnight to attack a border police station, police and other sources said yesterday.

Two policemen were hospitalised after the attack, which was purportedly aimed at demonstrating the porosity of the border despite the Anglo-Irish agreement on Ulster.

The police station, at Clontarf, one kilometre from the border, was daubed with slogans and a number of its windows were broken.

The deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), Peter Robinson, was arrested during the raid and was to be charged later yesterday.

Police refused to name the one person whom they confirmed had been arrested.

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Expert Eric Delson said in a later telephone interview that the skull was "the most important find since Lucy."

Delson, of Lehman College of City University of New York, said the new species suggests the possibility of a different lineage that is now widely accepted for human ancestors in the mysterious time period ranging from 4 million to 2 million years ago.

On the oldest side of the gap is the ape-man *Afarenis*, represented by Lucy. A commonly accepted view, Delson said, is that the family tree splits after that, with one branch giving rise to *Homo Habilis* about 2 million years ago. *Homo Habilis* is apparently led to modern man.

The other branch, the view maintains, led to a species called *Australopithecus Africanus*.

That led to two robust species called *Australopithecus Boisei*, which the new find represents, and *Australopithecus Robustus*. This branch was an evolutionary dead-end without any descendants alive today.

The new discovery, Delson said, has physical characteristics that suggest it could be a good intermediate between *Afarenis* and the *Robust* species, displacing *Africanus* from that role.

Since *Africanus* shares some physical characteristics with *Homo Habilis*, it now seems best to return *Africanus* to the branch that led to modern humans, coming before *Homo Habilis*. That was a commonly accepted role before Johnson's theory gained acceptance, Delson said.

In contrast to Walker and Leakey, Delson thinks the new skull may represent a previously unknown species of the *Robust* type.

Africanus was maybe 1.2 to 1.5 metres tall, weighing perhaps 22 to 45 kilograms. Smaller than the *Robust* ape-men, it had a brain about as large as a gorilla's but with a smaller body, suggesting that relative brain size had already begun to increase.

In Nairobi, Walker said the skull was important in its own right because of its age and because it was fairly complete.

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Boy, 5, saves his playmate from choking

LYNN, Mass. (Reuter). — A five-year-old boy saved his six-year-old playmate from choking to death by using a technique he couldn't pronounce but had seen on television.

Brent Meldrum came to the rescue of neighbour Tanya Branden when she began choking on a piece of hard candy on Monday, his mother Susan Meldrum said yesterday.

Meldrum said she saw the little girl gagging and was about to "panic and run for help" when Brent said he

knew what to do, having seen the Heimlich maneuver — which he called the time-life remover — on a recent rerun of the "Benson" show.

The boy got behind Tanya, locked his arms around her chest and forced the piece of candy out.

His quick thinking gained him a congratulatory phone call from Robert Guillaume, the actor who portrays Benson, and next Monday he will be presented a medal of honour.

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

92 die of Aids in Tanzanian capital in one year

NAIROBI (AP). — Aids has killed 92 people in Tanzania's capital, Dar es Salaam, during the past year, the Daily News reported yesterday.

The newspaper quoted Dr. Richard Linje as saying an average of four people died every week from Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome at the city's Muhimbili medical centre between July 1985 and July 1986. They were among 271 Aids patients admitted to the hospital in the same 12 months.

Thatcher recovering after hand operation

LONDON (AP). — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was recovering in hospital yesterday after undergoing a successful hour-long operation on her right hand the previous day. Press Association said she is due to leave King Edward VII's Hospital for officers today.

Thatcher, 60, who entered the hospital on Tuesday night, underwent surgery to correct Dupuytren's contracture, a progressive disease caused by the tightening of tissues under the skin which pulls the little finger towards the palm of the hand.

Planned to sell dogfood to African blacks

JOHANNESBURG (AFP). — A firm in the Channel island of Jersey plans to change the labels on dogfood, then sell it in central Africa as food for blacks, a South African court was told here this week.

The evidence was given by Lieut. Johannes Brink, of the police Commercial Branch, on Wednesday during the trial of Willem Prinsloo, charged with fraud amounting to 500,000 rand (about \$200,000).

Hawke inspects damage from Sydney's killer storms

SYDNEY (Reuter). — Prime Minister Bob Hawke yesterday toured devastated suburbs of Sydney where six people were killed and thousands forced to flee their homes after a record rainfall.

Four suburbs have been declared disaster areas and Hawke and New South Wales state Premier Barry Unsworth promised compensation for flood victims. The storm caused more than \$60 million worth of damage over the last three days.

Zambian police beat foreign tourist 'spies'

LUSAKA (Reuter). — Six Swiss and Austrian tourists, arrested on suspicion of spying for South Africa, were severely beaten by Zambian police demanding incriminating confessions, an Austrian Embassy spokeswoman said yesterday.

One of the group, travelling overland when arrested on July 24, had been forced to confess to being a spy for Pretoria. All are still being held in jail.

Islamic university planned in Switzerland

LAUSANNE (AFP). — Sultan Amirullah Mangelen of the Philippines is planning to open an Islamic university in Switzerland with 200 lecturers and 3,000 students, the weekly *Habdo* reported yesterday.

The sultan went to Geneva to ask Arab ministers attending an Opec meeting here to invest in the university, the weekly added. He has already contacted Swiss architect Karl-Peter Thoenen to draw up blueprints for the university.

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Harassment of Jews in Waldheim's Vienna

By ILONA HENRY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

VIENNA. — Police banged on a door in this city's Temple Square 7 district one evening recently, looking for Shalom Gaizinski, a member of the Habad sect visiting from New York. Gaizinski had parked his van the wrong way on a one-way street.

He told the officers he had forgotten his driver's licence, and they ordered him to come down to the police station with it immediately. When Gaizinski arrived, the duty officer, who would not identify himself, accused him of a variety of offences and harassed him.

Gaizinski was searched and stripped, as other officers were abusive to him. "Your policy, you can make at home, not here. We have laws here, we have a parliament. We do not need your interference," said one.

He was finally fined the equivalent of \$150, which he was forced to pay in cash. "We do not take cheques from you... We don't trust you," one officer reportedly said.

Gaizinski's experience was one of a growing number of anti-Semitic incidents since the election of former UN secretary-general Kurt Waldheim as president of Austria. During the campaign, Waldheim was accused of having a Nazi past. The New York based World Jewish Congress played an instrumental role in bringing the charges to light. One result has been an upsurge of anti-Semitic incidents in Austria. In the month since Waldheim was inaugurated, the trend has not let up.

The response of the Jewish community has been to use its influence in the government. But such contacts have not been successful, and there is a growing sense here that the authorities are tacitly condoning the anti-Semitism.

A leading member of the Jewish community took up Gaizinski's case with high-level Interior Ministry officials. The meeting indicated the prevailing attitude among officials. The police officer involved in the incident was not present, and the meeting ended with vague assurances that he would be reprimanded.

In another incident, a young Iranian Jewish woman was taken to a police station for refusing to pay the bill for an overseas phone call she thought had been made collect. Because she could hardly speak German, a Hias representative was called in to help settle the matter. He was subjected to a stream of abuse. One officer told him, "Go and complain at the Wailing Wall, that's where you belong!"

The Hias representative made a report to the Interior Ministry, but has received no response so far.

Such incidents have received little or no press coverage locally. Even the story of Sister Rose Thering, who along with Father David Bossman and Rabbi Avi Weiss travelled to Vienna to protest against Waldheim's inauguration, did not merit attention.

Sister Thering, who was not dressed in a habit at the time, was strip-searched at Vienna Airport on her way out of the country. According to an official report, the security officer did not know who she was. The report denied she was searched at all.

Sister Thering lodged a protest with Austria's Ambassador to the U.S., Thomas Kleistil, which prompted a response. "We apologize for searching you," a letter from Kleistil stated, without acknowledging that she had undergone a strip-search.

Ethiopians look set to lose their homemaking instructors

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The heads of the Jewish Agency Aliya Department are planning to fire the housekeeping instructors and many of the social workers who have been helping Ethiopian immigrants, despite the opposition of the department's chief social workers and directors of several absorption centres.

The social workers and centre directors have been making intensive efforts during the past week to block the cut-backs. They say that such a move would be harmful to the immigrants.

Department chairman Haim Aronson said in a statement: "We should have missed our job with the Ethiopians in March, when

they were supposed to have been handed over to the care of the Absorption Ministry. We don't have the money to employ the housekeeping instructors after this month, and we are cutting back on social workers as part of a general reorganization of the department."

The \$1 million appropriated by the Agency's Board of Governors in June was earmarked for further help to the Ethiopians in temporary absorption centres, he said. "This won't help us, though, in the regular absorption centres, where the cut-backs are being made."

The social workers also opposed the department's decision several months ago to convert the temporary centres into permanent housing during the coming year.



Archaeologists clean a Roman mosaic floor uncovered yesterday in a valley between Jerusalem's Gilo and Kiryat Hayovel neighbourhoods. The floor, 2m. x 2m., will be part of a tourist site. The dig is being carried out by Menashe Harel for the Jewish National Fund and the government's Antiquities Department. (Yossi Zamir)

EEC to open its markets to West Bank farm products

By JERRY LEWIS
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The European Economic Community is planning to make it easier for residents of the administered territories to export agricultural produce to the Common Market, Foreign Office Minister Timothy Renton told Israeli journalists on Wednesday.

Renton said that the British government, in its capacity as president of the EEC and the European Commission, was looking into how to help the territories. He was hopeful the Commission would soon provide some "positive" proposals.

EEC Commissioner Claude Cheysson is said to be "keen" to introduce specific plans to give a wider market for produce from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Renton said.

Recalling his visit to Israel and the Gaza Strip last December, Renton said he had specifically pressed the issue of access to the EEC for residents of the territories.

He added that he hoped Israel would be willing to coordinate any scheme to be introduced, though he conceded that the details could well require the cooperation of both Israel and Jordan.

Renton did not disclose whether British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe would represent the EEC and meet with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

He said that Howe would not focus on Middle East issues until after discussions with his EEC colleagues, due to be held in early September.

The British government had not even decided what would be the appropriate level of contact with the organization, but he made it clear that it does not accept the PLO as the Palestinians' sole representative.

Renton criticized Israel's human rights record, especially regarding the reunification of families. Drawing a parallel with the Soviet treatment of its Jews, Renton said, "It is not only the Kremlin which drags its feet over family reunification."

Claiming that there were at least 10,000 outstanding applications for Palestinian family reunification, he said Israel should "do more" in this area.

Renton added there was considerable public concern in Britain about the demolition of houses, the closure of universities, administrative detentions and travel restrictions.

South African Jews invest \$1.5 million

Villas for Carmel National Park?

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Over 200 South African Jews have already paid \$1.5 million for plots in a luxury villa neighbourhood to be built in the Carmel National Park — if it can be rezoned.

They are investing \$6,000 each "to redeem the land for the Jewish people," according to the promoters, the Yad Yerushalaim Land Development Company, which was set up for this project by Dov and Shaul Fichman, two brothers from Haifa.

Some officials have warned that the investment is risky because it is "unlikely" that the area will be rezoned, since it is farming land inside a national park.

But the firm's legal adviser, Yosef Ra'an, said, "This is a long-term investment and we believe we will eventually get the land rezoned and the project built."

"If we do, the buyers stand to make a lot of money, and so do we. If, in the worst case, we do not, they will have spent a ridiculously low sum — \$6,000 per dunam — for land in Israel."

"It is certainly worth it," he added, noting that the investors would be able to cultivate the land. Ra'an stressed that the invest-

tors had been informed that the project would be subject to lengthy rezoning efforts and that some of the buyers had visited the site to see it for themselves.

The neighbourhood, Har Yam, will occupy a 1,850-dunam site near a prison on Mount Carmel. The company plans to develop 500 dunams during the first stage.

The firm acquired the land from the Karaman family, wealthy landowners who grew tobacco on it decades ago. The prison had been their store. Ra'an said the government had mooted the sale of the prison, too, as a new one has been built in Lower Galilee, "and we have offered \$1m. for the complex, to make more room for Har Yam."

The land, part of which was granted to the Karamans by the Lands Administration in exchange for landholdings they had elsewhere, has not yet been parcelled out, and this too has been made clear in the contracts.

On the question of rezoning, Ra'an said "We have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in planning and preparing the appeal for rezoning, which will shortly be presented to the District Planning Commission."

He disputed the charge by a Lands Administration official that his company was "hoodwinking the buyers because there is no chance of rezoning." He said that the National Parks Law of 1963, under which the Carmel Park was established about 15 years ago, authorized the Knesset's Interior Committee, and not a Knesset majority, to decide zoning issues.

He also argued that the Carmel Park, covering over 80,000 dunams, was too large for a country of Israel's size. Dotted the park with a few selected, high quality residential neighbourhoods would enhance rather than detract from it, Ra'an said.

He believed that the principal objection to the project had come from a single Lands Administration official, and that this objection "and those of nature lovers who object to every development scheme" could be overruled by the authorities.

Far from risking their money, Ra'an said, the South African Jews were investing in a sound project, though it may take time to mature. At the same time they were helping redeem the land of Israel for Jewish ownership, which was a good thing in itself.

'Council skirts main social problem'

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar yesterday expressed concern that the recently established Council for Social Planning would deal only with social welfare cases (*miskinim*), thus avoiding Israel's main social problem, "the confrontation between capital and labour."

At the council's second meeting yesterday at Shoham, just outside Jerusalem, Kessar blasted the separation between social and economic issues implied in the council's name and composition.

"In the Knesset," he said, "we have two committees. One of them, the Labour and Social Affairs Committee, is for the *miskinim*. The other, the Finance Committee, is for the big shots (*gevirim*). The minimum-wage bill, of course, went to the Finance Committee, because they'll be sure not to let it pass."

Kessar said that the council would have no value if it could not deal with practical economic issues.

The council was set up two months ago under the auspices of the prime



Yisrael Kessar

(Ippa)

with the "inferior position that labour and productive work in general have been pushed into. We have given up trying to accomplish any serious redistribution of property and capital."

"If we represent the working person, how can we permit a situation in which there are 100,000 unemployed, where people who want to make a productive contribution are forced to be dependent on others? When we want to raise the minimum wage, a chorus of economists and industrialists tells us that the workers will have to be happy with NIS 350 a month — or be fired."

Kessar said that these injustices could be corrected if both wage-earners and capitalists were ready to pay the price, which would entail "a redistribution of assets and income from top to bottom."

He recommended that the council be merged with the Economic Council set up to guide the economic recovery plan. "If that happened, we would have the proper forum for the confrontation between labour and capital, and there would be a reason to come to meetings."

Businessman charged with currency violation

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The owner of a company that provides ground services at Ben-Gurion Airport for foreign airlines was remanded for seven days by the magistrates' court here on charges of holding foreign currency abroad illegally.

Yosef Goldstein, an investigator with the Income Tax department, told the court that Menahem Laufer, 58, had some \$750,000 deposited in

the Credit Suisse Bank in Switzerland, as of September 30, 1985. Goldstein charged that the account had been opened many years ago.

According to Goldstein, Laufer had arranged with his foreign clients to have a certain part of his commission from them deposited in the account on a regular basis. The arrangement enabled Laufer to avoid paying income tax, Goldstein charged.

Judge orders freedom for two detainees

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — After being detained by the police for eight months as robbery suspects, two Ofakim residents were yesterday ordered released by Judge Yehoshua Pipel in the Beersheba District Court.

Mahfuf Azma, 24, and Eliahu Dehan, 25, were arrested in November

when blankets and a tape recorder stolen from the apartment of a local resident were allegedly found in their possession.

The fact that the goods had been found in their possession did not prove that they had stolen them from the apartment, Pipel said.

Down there on the sandy side of the promenade

At first, the people paid more attention to the sand sculptor and his ponytail than to what he was doing with the damp sand on the beach just before the Bograshov and Frishman beaches.

He hummed as he worked, Beatles songs from *Revolver* and earlier. Occasionally, despite his claim to have grown up with the Beatles in Liverpool, he shifted to an Arak Einstein tune, the same one over and over, about seeing the girl on the way to school and then on the way to the army, and how she must be the queen of the class and how he could never have her.

As he worked, people began to realize that he was sculpting, creating something that was recognizable: Legs crossed, belly down, a perfect hourglass shape and even the slight ripple of a bikini. Breasts, too, could be seen, in profile.

Though the sculpture was small, it was perfectly shaped, and the boys playing *matkot* (beach bats) stopped and stared at the sand figure, which

was almost skin coloured and looked almost real.

The life-guard was already off duty. They had worked until 4 o'clock in the afternoon; but in the middle of the week, that's when the beach seems to fill up, at least for an hour or two.

Their four-year quarrel with City Hall is about more money, or maybe money spread out over the year rather than only in the summer, or maybe it's about the hours they have to work — it all depends on who is doing the telling.

City Hall claims that the lifeguards have a mafia which doesn't hesitate to use threats of force against the part-time guards, whom the High Court of Justice said the city had to hire.

Meanwhile, six people have drowned in the last few weeks. One of those drownings was in a swimming pool, and, according to City Hall, the rest of the drownings took place on beaches where, anyway, no life-guard works.

But although they were already



Robert Rosenberg

off duty, a few of the guards sat around in the shade of the porch of a small blue and white pre-fab building. They told each other jokes about girls, until a pair of teenage girls came by and the lifeguards turned silent for a minute, watching the knock-kneed sway of the tiny bathing suits.

They were too far away to see the sand sculptor's vision of the perfect sunbather girl, but they had seen many sunbathers.

A young couple with worried looks on their faces approached the guards. "We can't find our son," said the woman. One of the guards asked how old the missing boy was and what he was wearing.

"Five," said the woman. Her husband stood beside her, his unbut-

toned shirt revealing a belly the size of a watermelon, which he scratched as he listened to the conversation between his wife and the guard.

The life-guard was off duty, but he agreed to use the loudspeaker to call on the crowd to look for the boy. "Look around you and see if there's a little blue-eyed boy in a blue bathing suit," said the life-guard.

Occasionally, as they waited, the worried mother would slap her husband's hand away from his stomach. He said nothing.

The *matkot* players close to the waves, which every so often came in as sets of three, each half-a-metre taller than the previous one, couldn't hear the announcement.

The guard made the announcement twice more, and after about 15 minutes a woman came walking up with the crying boy in tow.

As the family walked away, the mother holding the boy's hand and slapping his bottom, the father buttoned his shirt.

The sand sculptor's sunbather

lasted more than an hour. *Matkot* players stayed away from it and young boys, just into their teens, giggled and whispered. Older boys stopped and stared for a moment and then continued their hunt for a pretty girl with whom they could play a game of *matkot*.

One young man, stretching out a summer that will end in the army, managed to play *matkot* with four girls in less than an hour. None of them was ready to actually talk to him, but he didn't mind, because he could always find someone else to play the game.

Eventually, of course, somebody apparently didn't pay attention to where he was walking. And about an hour before sunset, the sand sunbather looked as if it had been cut in two, as if a stage magician's promise to safely saw the girl in half had gone wrong.

And a little while later, as the air became much cooler than the water and the wind picked up, the tide came in and washed away the rest of the sandy nude sunbather.

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Labour's hawks and doves flutter

Rabin's attack against the left surprises insiders

Mark Segal & Roy Isacowitz
Jerusalem Post Reporters

ONE OF the dominant features of Israeli politics during the past two years has been the Labour Party's ability to preserve its unity while the other parties showed signs of breaking up. Thus, it was all the more surprising this week, that Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin attacked Labour doves with such venom, accusing them in effect of abetting Palestinian terror. "All the Likud needs to do now," one Labour dove said afterwards, "is simply to quote Rabin."

The latest spat began when Knesset faction chairman Rafi Edri, just back from accompanying Prime Minister Shimon Peres to the Ifrane summit with King Hassan, made vague noises about amending the party's positions on the Palestinians. This was taken up with a vengeance by the party's current *enfant terrible*, MK Haim Ramon, who demanded that Labour recognize Palestinian self-determination. The upshot was Rabin's salvo, which left most of the party agast.

Questions began to be asked: Was Edri, a cautious politician, not known to stray too far from Peres's political orbit, floating a trial balloon for the party chief? If so, the excitable Ramon immediately converted it into a Zeppelin, only to have it shot down by Rabin.

Was Edri's trial balloon a function of Peres's post-Ifrane resolve to push for a new momentum in relations with Palestinians in the West Bank and beyond?

Ramon's remark and Rabin's riposte fostered the impression that Labour was in the thick of the long-anticipated hawks-versus-doves showdown. However, a survey of party opinion revealed otherwise: this was not even a rehearsal of the Great Debate. According to Labour Secretary-General Uzi Baram, the major debate can be expected after rotation. The present argument, he said, was "more personal than substantive... more tone than music."

Ramon seems to have gone too far out on his particular limb in calling for an amendment to the party plat-

form. If there is one point on which mainstream hawks and doves agree, it is that both feel comfortable with the platform, which was adopted only three months ago by the Labour convention. Pending a meaningful initiative from the Palestinian side, the Labour platform satisfies the overwhelming majority of opinion in the party.

This is certainly the view of Knesset Speaker Shimon Hillel, an outspoken member of the hawkish bloc. "Were I to have to rewrite the platform today, I'd compose it in exactly the same way," he says. Interestingly, Hillel is defending a platform that is hailed by many as the most dovish ever adopted by Labour. Quoting Abba Eban in another context, Hillel said: "You don't hold onto an umbrella and then chuck it away when it rains." He suspects that the bid to challenge the platform was really aimed at pushing the party from its traditional path. He stresses that his stance represents mainstream party thinking.

He warns against what he sees as over-expectations in the wake of the Ifrane summit, declaring pointedly: "If someone entertains you royally, it doesn't mean you have to be so overjoyed as to sell out unthinkingly."

MK AHARON HAREL, a charter member of the dovish lobby, is also against changing the three-month-old platform. He refers to the argument among the doves as being not about substance but about tactics.

Unlike Hillel, Harel does not believe that the programme represents the outer limits of where the party should go. He holds that as currently phrased, the platform gives the doves sufficient ideological space. He does not unreservedly support all of its clauses, but sees no point in unnecessary internal strife at this juncture.

In Hillel's opinion, amending the party position would seriously damage Israel's credibility. "We would harm our credibility on three levels—with the Arabs, the friends who act

as go-betweens and our constituency at home," he declares.

He was gratified that doves like Harel and Haim Zadok opposed Ramon's demand. "His call amounts to accepting the PLO as a partner for negotiations. This is neither a technical nor a semantic matter, as if acceptance of Resolution 242 by someone in the PLO would magically transform them."

"Our party has always pursued a flexible course. Unlike the Likud, we have never advocated annexation, nor have we advocated terms for peace negotiations. However, it must never be forgotten that even in negotiations of this kind, there are certain elements beyond flexibility. I refer to the unity of Jerusalem and no return to the 1967 armistice lines."

We mentioned that Peres had spoken of recognition of the Palestinians as a people, and former premier Menachem Begin and, at Camp David, recognized "the legitimate rights of the Palestinians." But he declared that this was not just a problem of semantics. "The issue is not whether the Palestinians are recognized as a people or not. It's immaterial whether I accept their right to self-determination or not. What is at stake is whether an independent Palestinian state would be part of Jordan or not, and whether it

would or would not exclude the East Bank of the Jordan."

He spoke of belonging to a growing body of like-minded party members who had combined to protect the party platform from erosion. He revealed having told secretary-general Baram that "there can be no symmetry between those who wish to drag the party to the left, and those of us seeking to defend the mainstream course. We had a convention only three months ago and it adopted—for good or for bad—a set of resolutions. That is our common denominator and it should not be changed."

Harel says he speaks for the overwhelming majority of the party. His claim, however, does not encompass the Knesset faction, elected in 1984, which, he stresses, "must uphold party resolutions and not vice-versa."

HAREL, for his part, claims the adherence of half the Knesset caucus to the dovish lobby. As to substance, he says: "If I thought that the self-determination issue would lead to a move of even one millimetre on the Palestinian side, I would be inclined to take the initiative. But as I know they won't budge, why should I start an unnecessary fight in the party as long as our partner—and for my part it could be Yasser Arafat—has not

made up his mind? He must cease terror and formally recognize the Jewish State. Can I talk of making political concessions to Arafat, who only this week renewed his call for 'intensifying the armed struggle'?"

The dovish spokesman thought his party leadership was making a fatal mistake in equating self-determination with an independent Palestinian state. In Harel's view, self-determination could comfortably fit into the Jordanian option. The Hussein-Arafat agreement talked of a Palestinian state in confederation with the Hashemite Kingdom.

Harel thought the reaction to Ramon's demand was hysterical, and chided Rabin "for a most unhappy slip of the tongue." He added "I'm especially sorry because I can see the Likud exploiting Rabin's lapse. None of us will forget the way the Likud branded us critics of their Lebanon misadventure as fifth-columnists and worse."

Labour's immediate task is to focus on the territories where Harel sees a two-fold problem. On the political plane, he believes that the administration must be handed over to local people. He is all for municipal elections "otherwise there won't be an elected leadership with whom we can negotiate in the future." In

reference to talk of improving the quality of life in the territories, Harel calls for radical changes in the administrative and economic spheres.

TO UZI BARAM the Rabin-Ramon rumour was so much froth. "There is no place now and no need to re-open the political debate. When Ramon talks about self-determination, he is only speaking for himself. There's a general feeling that something dramatic must happen after Ifrane on the Palestinian issue. Personally, I'm inclined to some kind of international formula. After all, only the U.S. is ambivalent towards an international forum. All the other powers, in the West and the East, are in favour," he avers.

Indeed, when Baram met President Nicolae Ceausescu in Bucharest in early June, he recalls that "our talks began and ended with his call for an international conference, to include both the Soviet Union and China, as the best means of breaking the Middle East logjam. Ceausescu dwelt on how both sides should be entitled to invite other countries as well. By that he meant Rumania."

The party secretary-general stressed that the Israeli public, including the Labour Party, will never be ready to deal with the PLO unless it

undergoes fundamental changes. "King Hussein pleaded with them to accept Resolution 242. He couldn't budge them an inch. No one can blame Israel."

"When I was recently at the Socialist International summit in Peru, I explained to our comrades how much the PLO is an obstacle to peace for us doves. Arafat is such a coward. They've all talked to him, from Mitterrand to Ceausescu, but to no avail."

Shimon Peres is the first Israeli prime minister to employ such conciliatory terminology as "authentic Palestinians," not to mention the meetings he has held, Baram says. "Jordan and the Palestinians know as well as everyone else that time is running out until the rotation deadline. King Hussein is certainly aware that the atmosphere will change after October," he adds.

Baram does not shy away from the electoral considerations. While Labour does not wish to frighten off disenchanted Likud voters, and those from the centre of the map, it also does not wish to lose votes to the CRM and Mapam, not to mention the 14-16 seats from Arab and Druse voters.

THE IFRANE summit highlighted the differences between the moderate Arab position and that of the Labour Party. If Peres's meeting with "authentic Palestinians" this week was any indication, direct contact with Palestinians and the improvement of the quality of life in the territories will head his priorities. That effort will continue, and even gain momentum, following rotation, according to MK Micha Harish, who headed the convention's foreign policy committee.

Harish indicates what he regards as the crucial clause in the platform: that Labour will talk to any Palestinian who rejects terror and recognizes Israel. Significantly, the clause does not restrict the potential partners to residents of the territories—as past platforms have done.

Labour will shortly establish the necessary frameworks for dialogue with Palestinians, both inside and outside the territories. One such framework will be the Socialist International, of which Labour is a leading member. Creating forums within the territories will be more difficult, Harish says, "but it must be done. We have neglected political developments on the West Bank for too long."

Harish regards the current debate between doves and hawks with equanimity. The real clash, he intimates, will come when the Likud tries to prevent Labour from holding an independent dialogue with Palestinians after the rotation.



Area 9 decision puts emphasis on internal Arab relations

Robert Rosenberg
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE MINISTERIAL decision to free Area 9, a military training area in Galilee which has long served as one of the many symbols of tension between Israeli Arabs and the government, is part of a process which began with the appointment of Ezer Weizman and his adviser, Dr. Yosef Ginat, as high-level functionaries responsible for the Arab citizenry of the Jewish state.

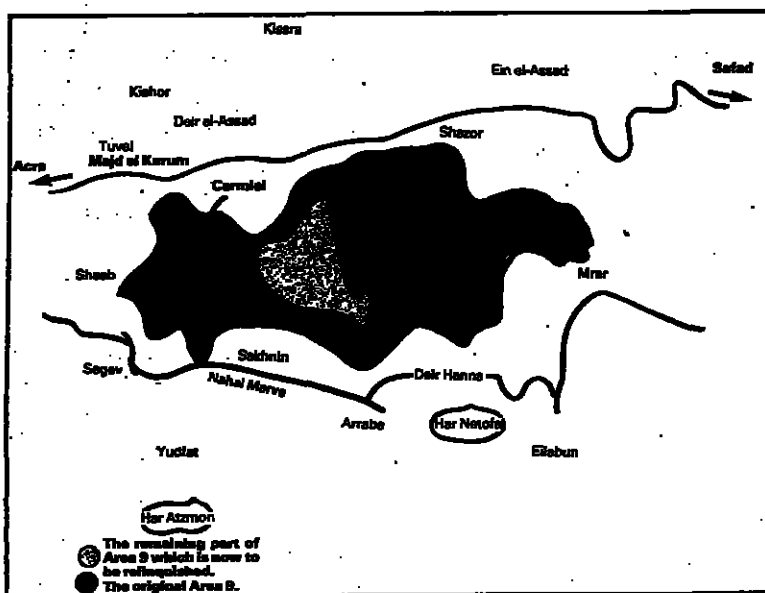
And it's also part of a process that began 10 years ago among Israeli Arabs, who since the Land Day demonstrations of 1976 have begun asserting themselves by developing the same kind of *sumud* (steadfastness) towards the land that West Bank Palestinians have adopted as a political line.

The decision, made by Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Minister-without-Portfolio Weizman, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin, returns to Arab villagers in central Galilee some 12,000 dunams of privately owned land, out of some 62,000 dunams of mostly state land that the British Mandatory authorities designated as a military training ground in 1944.

It was Ginat's insistence, with Weizman's political power, which finally broke down Defence Ministry opposition to the move. Following Wednesday's announcement, one of the local council chairmen in the Area 9 region said that the ministerial committee's decision "dulled the sharpness" of the tensions that naturally exist between the Arab minority and the Jewish establishment.

But the decision may have more of an effect on the internal "Jewish-Jewish dispute" than on the 18 per cent minority, noted Eli Rechtes, a senior researcher on Israeli Arabs at Tel Aviv University's Shiloah Institute.

The Area 9 decision "comes at a time when we're talking about a change in leadership, a change in the people who deal with the Arab problem," Rechtes said. "The difference between Ezer Weizman and Ronni Milo, and the tension between those two views... will be sharpened, not dulled."



Milo has been mooted by the Likud as the most likely candidate to replace Weizman, who has expressed disinterest in continuing his role as a Jewish-Arab liaison after rotation. Yesterday Likud MK Uzi Landau attacked Weizman and the committee, criticizing the Area 9 decision as "reeking of partisan politics."

RECHES MAINTAINED that until Weizman took on the ministerial level approach to Israeli Arabs, the establishment had largely ignored many issues concerning Israeli Arabs. The subject has been in the hands of the prime minister, but few holders of the office have devoted much time to the subject.

"The step forward was with Weizman's appointment," said Rechtes. "But the issue is not whether there's a minister. The issue is that now the matter of Israeli Arabs is on the national agenda." He said that the government should have done this "on the day after the Six Day War."

The 1966 lifting of military rule over the country's Arab population, combined with the reconnection of Israeli Arabs with West Bank and Gaza Arabs a year later, created the circumstances for a rethinking of government policy vis-a-vis its Arab citizens.

But no such rethinking took place, and by 1976, the nationalist tensions, combined with land expropriation, led to Land Day, "which has become part of the calendar" for Arabs

"throughout their diaspora," Rechtes said.

Rechtes argues that the "dominant" part of the Israeli Arab population will regard the freeing of Area 9 as a "goodwill gesture" which is part of a liberalized policy and is thus a step in the direction of further integration of Israeli Arabs in Israeli society.

But he said radicals would interpret the Area 9 solution differently. "This will be viewed as an expression of their ability to influence government policy... and since one of their political goals is to get back all the lands taken from the Arabs," it's also a step, Rechtes implies, in that direction.

RECHES SAID he believed that the Area 9 decision has created a problem of precedent. He recalled the argument made by previous governments about allowing a return of the Ikrut and Birin refugees to their villages. That argument was that by establishing one precedent, one would open a Pandora's Box of other claims.

One element of the Ginat announcement that relieved Rechtes's trepidations about the precedent created by the Area 9 move was the part referring to increased use of other firing ranges located in Arab-populated regions. "The implication was that we're loosening up here, but we're tightening up there," he said.

The Shiloah Institute researcher said he did not see the Area 9 decision as a major step towards improved relations between the government and Israeli Arabs. "You have to remember that the relationship is so complicated, with so many elements, that this is actually only a small element."

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DOMINATING a wall in the study of Economics and Planning Minister Gad Ya'acobi is Uri Lipshitz's remarkable portrait of Yosef Haim Brenner, the angry prophet of Labour Zionism murdered by Arab marauders in 1921. The minister explains: "Brenner really fascinates me. He was such a paradoxical figure, combining of total despair and pioneering spirit in the upbuilding of Eretz Yisrael. Brenner never minced his words — and such strong, true words they were! He was a fine writer who was constantly searching for new philosophical expressions. His life was a great drama with a terrible ending."

I wondered whether the wry humour of the 51-year-old Ya'acobi might not conceal another kind of anger. He has established his reputation over the years by his writings on politics and economics — he has four books to his credit — apart from regular contributions to newspapers. The *Government of Israel* published in the early '80s both in Hebrew and in English has become a standard textbook on the subject.

What is not widely known is that he is the only published poet in the cabinet. His verse appears in select poetry magazines rather than in the weekend literary supplements.

Ya'acobi's poetry is intensely personal, but politically relevant — and self-revealing lines are to be found in it. After the 1984 elections, he published in the magazine *Jun 77* a poem entitled "Don't Disturb the Neighbours' Rest." One passage (freely translated) runs:

"The northern thunder and the indolent heart/Did not ignite any great flame/And the silence of the corpses of abandoned ideas/Which no longer disturb the neighbours' rest/A storm is up but there is no wind (spirit)?/A flood rages and encircling drought consumes."

Ya'acobi takes special pride in his latest literary product: a book of verse written for three-year-old Hadas, his daughter by his second wife, Nela, a kibbutz-born ex-air hostess. (He has three sons by his first wife.)

THE STUDY walls of his apartment in the Tel Aviv suburb of Neot Afeka provide a rich pictorial record of milestones in his life.

His late father, Avraham, came from Pinsk with the Third Aliya in 1923. He was a founder member of Kibbutz Gvat, but broke away to help establish one of the country's first moshavim, Kfar Vitkin. His mother, Sara, arrived here in 1929 after graduating from Pinsk University.

He remembers the World War II years as a time of want. It was a long time before his parents could afford to buy him new shoes, but there were always books available at the Ya'acobi home.

Both parents engaged in broader activities outside the moshav, his father being prominent from the first in the Hagana.

Gad's lifelong involvement in public affairs is certainly due to his upbringing by idealistic parents who implanted in him the credo: "You have no right to live only for yourself." He was not raised to care much about money, which explains why, during his years on the opposition benches, he never bothered to seek well-paid consultancies like some of his party colleagues.

Ya'acobi also differs from many of his political peers in preferring to spend much of his leisure time not in the company of politicians, but rather with writers, university people and businessmen. Questioned about this, however, he remarked: "I strongly deny that all politicians



Politician — and poet

Political Correspondent Mark Segal finds out about the double life of Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi.

are boring. There are many who are decidedly not."

His collection of walking sticks is evidence of one of his leisure-time pursuits, but, he says, has nothing to do with his experience of open-heart surgery.

Ya'acobi entered the political arena quite young, taking his place among the leaders of the Sons of the Moshavim movement, even before his army service. While an economics and political science student at Tel Aviv University, he was drafted for the youth division of Mapai's 1959 election campaign. There he met Moshe Dayan, beginning a close relationship that only ended with the latter's death.

When Dayan became agriculture minister he took his 24-year-old fellow moshavnik for his spokesman and assistant. In the first year he managed to obtain his M.A. degree with a thesis on national planning and economic policy — a subject to which he has devoted his energies in his political career.

Dayan installed him as head of the ministry's agricultural planning and development centre. He stayed there until 1966, even after Dayan quit the ministry as a result of the creation of Rafi, enjoying working under his father's old comrade, Haim Gvati. He, too, followed Ben-Gurion into the political wilderness, but in 1967 rejoined the Labour Party with the majority of Rafi.

The moshavnik from Kfar Vitkin enjoyed the time he spent at Harvard University in the late '60s, when he attended the celebrated seminar on international relations given by Prof. Henry Kissinger. From this sprang an interesting friendship and a durable correspondence between the future secretary of state and the rising Israeli politician.

YA'ACOBI first became an MK as a result of the 1969 elections. Research reveals an interesting sidelight: in the ex-Rafi division poll the voting produced the trio of Dayan, Ya'acobi and Shimon Peres — in that order. He has worked closely with Peres for over 27 years — in the party and in government. It might be said that they enjoy a complex multi-

layered relationship.

Framed originals on his study walls by the celebrated *Ha'aretz* cartoonist Ze'ev record Ya'acobi's terms in the Transport Ministry as deputy to the minister, Shimon Peres, in Golda Meir's second government, and as minister in Yitzhak Rabin's cabinet.

He won a narrow margin over Yitzhak Navon in the ex-Rafi division vote for the cabinet seat in 1974, with Dayan's exit. It says a lot for both Navon and Ya'acobi that they have remained good friends. Ya'acobi speaks of the deputy premier and education minister with a fondness and respect that he does not display for many of his colleagues.

ON A SIDE TABLE was the first edition of Ben-Gurion's 1931 book, "Us and Our Neighbours," in which — as Ya'acobi put it, B-G defined the Yishuv's dilemma in its relations with the Arab population.

Ya'acobi turned to page 24, on which occurred the phrase: "...to our regret there is no one-sided agreement..." This brought us to Premier Peres's meeting with King Hassan of Morocco. Ya'acobi regards it as a milestone in facilitating an improved climate for reviving the momentum of the peace process with Egypt, and possibly with Jordan and the Palestinians.

"Of course, nothing concrete took place beyond that, and no one expected it. Whether it is of as much historic significance as they say will only emerge in due course."

For him, what matters is whether there can be any breakthrough with Jordan and the Palestinians. As far as he is concerned, the Tabu issue was kept on ice by Egypt as an alibi for keeping the cold peace — which he obviously prefers to any hot war. But his main concern is lest Israel has to pay a very high price in the future for not tackling the Jordan/Palestinian issue properly.

In recent weeks, Ya'acobi made a series of visits to Judea, Samaria and Gaza, returning with a deep sense of foreboding over the country's future. He met Jewish settlers, the heads of the civil administration, and notables reflecting a broad range of Palestinian opinion.

"In Gaza," he said, "I was constantly asked very tough questions. They complain of being unable to get equal economic opportunities. By which they mean they are unable to market their goods freely in Israel and unable to export to West Europe, only to East Europe. They say, 'If we are not part of Israel, then at least let us trade independently.' As I drove away from Gaza, I kept returning to the hoary platitude about being unable to eat your cake and have it."

He continued in a sombre tone. "Why did I say we'll have to pay a very high price? The inescapable fact is that by the year 2000 there will be one million Arabs living in Gaza — the most cramped piece of land in the world after Hong Kong. At the moment, the figure is 610,000.

Gaza's annual birthrate is 250,000, which means an increase every year equal to the population of one of our development towns. If that is not a time-bomb, what is?

"But the main issue for me is that already, most of the children born under Israeli rule are not Jewish. In 1985 alone, 49,000 Jewish children were born, compared to 53,000 non-Jews. That means that in 10 years' time there will be a non-Jewish majority in the area under Israeli rule. On top of which I must add the regrettable statistic that in 1985, 17,000 Israelis emigrated, with only 12,000 immigrants. That's a frightening prospect."

YA'ACOBI was pessimistic about achieving any breakthrough in the peace process, hence his advocacy of an interim agreement involving a kind of autonomy. He was less than optimistic about King Hussein's inclination for any power-sharing arrangement. Ya'acobi saw no reason why the Hashemite monarch should abandon the strategy he has pursued since 1967 of simultaneously talking in moderate terms for Western consumption so as to get financial and military aid, and keeping all his options open in the Arab world — for example, closing PLO offices in Amman one day and flying to see Assad in Damascus the next.

For the sake of Israel's future as a democratic Jewish society, Ya'acobi says Israel must cease being involved in directly governing the Arab population of the territories, while at the same time continuing to maintain a high security profile. Otherwise he warns of an impending nightmare of slipping into creeping annexation and assuming the worst aspects of Northern Ireland and South Africa. When we discussed the post-rotation situation, Ya'acobi reminded me that "for better or for worse," the national unity government has built-in safeguards. He spoke of it as "a federation of two governments that meets once a week, where nothing can be done by one side without the other's consent. The inner cabinet by definition is there to neutralize policy not already agreed upon."

However, he stressed, the grand coalition has instituted an order of national priorities that is not to his liking. Thus according to the Labour Party's calculations, direct and indirect government expenditure on the territories, excluding Greater Jerusalem and the Jordan Rift, in the 1985-86 budget year was \$120 million. This was largely due to Likud control of the economic ministries. He gave an example:

"At this moment, tractors are preparing the ground for industrial zones at Ariel and Hebron. They are operated by Industrial Structures Ltd., a company owned by the Industry and Trade Ministry. Now let's hear them deny that this effort is not at the expense of the development towns."

The minister pursued his theme. "Over 100,000 Arabs come daily from the territories to work in Israel, plus 15,000 Jews from the settlements. I ask myself, who annexed whom? Maybe they've already annexed us. I'm talking in concrete and not abstract terms."

THE ECONOMICS MINISTER is far from belonging to his party's dovish lobby, and is considered part of the more hawkish mainstream. But his increasingly strong disquiet about the long-term implications of developments in the territories have modified his stand, and even found expression in his poetry.

Thus, one of his encounters with the settlers produced a poem entitled "The city of Emanuel," which appeared in the prestigious *Mozzayim* literary magazine in mid-1984. Here is one telling phrase: "Everything is that much more possible/when only one side has light from the sun in the West."

A more recent visit to Hebron resulted in one of his newest poems, as yet unpublished, entitled "Children skip and hop in Tel Rumeida."

It contains the passage: "I remember the floundering fish dying in dumbness and darkness, losing their soul unknowingly..."

When I sought the background to these words, the poet-politician explained:

"That visit left an indelible impression. Those four caravans guarded by reserve soldiers, who don't know why they've been summoned there from their homes. All that in the heart of a closely-populated Arab neighbourhood, with children playing everywhere."

Shin Bet pardon no precedent for Jewish underground

IF THE High Court majority verdict pronounced by its president, Justice Meir Shamgar, upholding President Chaim Herzog's granting of immunity to GSS chief Avraham Shalom and the others, has encouraged Gush Emunim patrons like Minister-without-Portfolio Yosef (Yoske) Shapiro and MK Geula (La Pasionara) Cohen to pressure Beit Hanassi for pardons for their own convicted terrorists, they'd better think again. Herzog has made known his adamant refusal to bow to such pressure. He says he will continue to consider each case on its individual merits.

Kiryat Arba's excitable Rabbi Moshe Levinger and co. are lobbying to spring his son-in-law Uzi Sharabaf and others serving life sentences for the Hebron Islamic College killings. They hope Acting Justice and Tourism Minister Avraham Shariar will be more malleable, after Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, while justice minister, firmly resisted their pressure.

Cohen claims support for special legislation from most Likud, Tehiya and NRP MKs, plus Labour's Agriculture Minister Arye Nehama and Ometz's Minister-without-Portfolio Yigael Hurvitz.

WHILE Herzog persists in refusing to comment on the court's judgment, it is known that he found legal underpinning in the verdict of U.S. District Court Judge Michael Fox in upholding the pardon of ex-president Richard Nixon by then president Gerald Ford in the 1975 case of Gregory Murphy vs. President Ford. The American judge had commended Ford for "acting within the spirit and letter of presidential power in attempting to restore the tranquility of the Commonwealth by the well-timed offer of pardon." Legal experts now say that the High Court has in fact adopted this U.S. precedent by extending the presidential power of pardon to include reasons of security and state.

WONDER how many columnists will respond to Ehud Olmert's invitation to apologize to the president for their talk of his "bending the law"?

EVER since Prime Minister Shimon Peres got back from Morocco, we seem to be drowning in "Alphabet Soup," what with the Rabat mission prompting Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin's tirade against dovish MK Haim Ramon, leaving them both out on a limb as we all await further action from King Hassan, King Hussein, and President Hosni Mubarak.

There were those who wondered whether — as in the West, where the gunman hits the pianist while aiming for the sheriff — whether Rabin's sights were really on Peres, rather than Ramon.

THE "senior Swedish diplomat" who questioned Stockholm's post-rotation relations with Jerusalem, should never forget that Yitzhak Shamir, when Lehi chief, was never actually implicated in Count Folke Bernadotte's assassination. Moreover, if they insist on dredging up 40-year-old history, perhaps their neighbours might recall how Sweden allowed the Wehrmacht to invade Norway via its territory.

WHEN October officer Amis Mansour, acting as Mubarak's envoy, met Peres, the PM said Israeli-Egyptian negotiations had produced sufficient paper to cover the disputed area three times over.

AFTER Egyptian Tourism Minister Fouad Sultan toured Beth Hatefutsoth, together with Egyptian charge d'affaires Mohammed Bassiouny and their foreign ministry's Israel desk head Badr Hamman, he wrote in the VIP book: "This is to express my appreciation of your highly sophisticated concept of how a museum

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Geula Cohen... ideas on special legislation. (Uzi Keren)



Ehud Olmert... a suggestion for columnists. (Israel Sun)

should be." He told their guide, Diaspora Museum external relations director Miriam Ben-Haim, that "even Egypt, a land of many famous museums, could learn from this place how to educate our people to take pride in our ancient heritage."

IT WAS encouraging to hear Deputy Premier and Housing Minister David Levy and Transport Minister Haim Corfu talking tough about traffic accidents, in the wake of the nation's revulsion over the terrible toll in wasted lives. The question now is: will they act on their words and use a percentage of the millions they're pouring into building highways in Judea and Samaria, on — say — repairing the accident-prone Ta'anach road, near Heftizba?

WONDERING whether there is still strong public and government resolve to reform the economy, Economics and Planning Minister Gad Ya'acobi recalls the story about the condemned man, who on the day of his execution, was found too fat to fit into the electric chair. When the executioner told him to come back after he'd lost 30 kilos, the man remarked: "I'd love to lose weight, but I lack motivation."

I STILL don't understand why Deputy Foreign Minister Ronnie Milo (Milikovsky) made such a fuss over the way Energy Minister Moshe Shalom changed his name from Morris Fattal. Since the days of David Ben-Gurion (Gryn) and Moshe Sharet (Shertok), it's been considered *bon ton* to Hebraize one's name. Otherwise Milo's boss would still be Isaac Yezernitsky, and his rotating colleague would be Simon Persky, while his boss's party rival Industry and Trade Minister would be named Arye Scheinerman (Ariel Sharon). Shamir's aide would be named Isaac Strassberger, (after his father Emmanuel, not his mother Geula Cohen) and not Itzik Hanegbi. We should also not forget Herut MK Michael Eitan (Hirschsprung), nor such Liberal allies as Tourism Minister Avraham Shariar (Schreier) and Uriel Lynn (Albert Assoulin), nor Labour's Deputy Health Minis-

ter Shoshana (Fahima) Arbell-Almosino.

KNESSET SPEAKER Shlomo Hilel had the pleasant task midweek of receiving our national basketball team captained by Mickey Berkowitz, just back from winning seventh place in the world championship games. Typically, the small squad were accompanied by a delegation of 12 functionaries, led by Israel Basketball Association chairman Yosef Ibar. Hilel remarked: "With you, players get sent off after five breaches of the rules; in the Knesset, I send them off after three."

WHILE in Amman, U.S. Vice President George Bush's TV planning team made Queen Noor shift the royal furniture around; in Jerusalem — I now learn — the 25-strong advance team was banned from Beit Hanassi by President Herzog. Their attempt to flood the place with electronic gadgets was reduced to one special phone in the guard house.

I HEAR that the apple-of-the-eye of New York Governor Mario Cuomo, his pretty 21-year-old student daughter Madeleine, is currently touring Israel. The Holy Land visit was arranged by two of Cuomo's closest Jewish friends, Rabbi Israel Moshowitz and Wall Street lawyer Leon Charney, who told me by phone that the man he considers the most favoured Democratic presidential candidate will be coming here in November.

BRITISH Premier Margaret Thatcher has agreed to have an annual lecture delivered in her honour at Tel Aviv University, so TAU President, Prof. Moshe Many, told me on returning from the special ceremony at 10 Downing Street, where he awarded her an honorary Ph.D. With him were TAU executive chairman Benno Gitter, its Rector, Prof. Yehuda Ben-Shaul and international board chairman Sir Leslie Porter. In her remarks, Thatcher dwelt on "Israel's special place in my life." TAU governor Lord Hieldenfeld held a luncheon at his Chelsea home for Many, attended by Lords Steff, Wolfson and Mischon and former London University Chancellor Lord Amman. Back home, Many declined to comment on reported plans to appoint Austrian press attache in Paris (formerly in Israel) Barbara Tausar as his special assistant.

WHEN Wall Street money wizard Michael Steinhardt made his debut this week as Israel Museum international council chairman at a luncheon for its corporate members, he joked: "I shouldn't really give this kind of advice, but the best place to keep dollars is under your mattress." His audience, including Bank Hapoalim chief Amiram Sivan, Clal's Aharon Dovrat, Israel Corporation's Aharon Zeller, and Stock Exchange chairman Haim Stoessel, heard from museum director Dr. Martin Weyl, about a woman who hoarded her dollars under a floor tile, only to find that seeping water had caused them to solidify into a solid brick. She pleaded in vain with the museum laboratory to bring back her dollars. Later Mayor Teddy Kollek took Steinhardt to the Western Wall to see the Gaden summer course graduation ceremony of his son, David.

GLASWEGIAN Yigal Levine, 42, has become acting managing director of the British Olim Society, replacing Ilan Terry. Levine, who came on aliya in 1967, has been at the BOS for 16 years. His wife, Linda, is the daughter of Michael Fiedler, director of the British Conservative Friends of Israel. With Levine's appointment, it is now hoped that the main agency for assisting British immigrants will find a suitable way to commemorate its founder, the late Shlomo Temkin.

LAUGHING IT OFF / Hadassah Bat Haim

A new look at Swan Lake

IT WAS CERTAINLY a great treat for 10-year-old Ronit to come and see Britain's Royal Ballet perform Swan Lake at Caesarea.

Despite our perches on the rocks, the dense crowds that made movement impossible and the exorbitant price of the tickets, we lost ourselves in the magic and didn't realize how sore our backsides were until the intermission. The enchantment was not spoiled even by the flashes from the forbidden cameras and the smoke from the forbidden cigarettes which provided evidence that Israelis are above the law.

The complications of the plot

seemed perfectly plausible watching the glittering costumes and intricate steps, but I realized only the next day that it had not been completely clear. Ronit explained the story to her friend Lucy, a bit younger:

"There was this prince and he was very sad until he went into the forest and fell in love with a swan."
"What's a swan?"
"Well, it's a bird, with white feathers all fluttery."
"Like a pigeon?"
"No, of course not, much bigger. Bigger than a chicken even, more like a goose but with a longer neck."
"Like a giraffe?"
"No, nothing like a giraffe. I told you it's a bird."

"And the prince fell in love with it?"
"Yes, You see she was the queen of the swans, very pretty and such a good dancer. The prince danced with her all the time."

"Was he a good dancer?"
"Oh yes, but he didn't want to dance with all those other princesses."

"What other princesses?"
"They came from Russia and all places like that, but he didn't like them and he only wanted to dance with the swan and his mother got very cross."

"Why did she?"
"Because she didn't want him to marry a swan. Savta said she was thinking of the grandchildren. She said very few women would want a swan for a daughter-in-law. And anyway the wicked magician turned her black."

"So then, didn't he want to marry her?"
"Oh, he didn't care. But the wicked magician pointed his finger at everyone and they all got frightened."

"I wouldn't be."
"Well, they were, but the prince had a fight with him and pulled his magic hat off and the wicked magician was all bald underneath, so he died."

"Like Samson?"
"Yes I suppose so."
"Were the Philistines there?"
"No, only swans. Then in the end Mr. Teddy Kollek came and danced a bit, but he wasn't much good but he brought fireworks so it didn't matter."

"What happened to the swan?"
"Oh she got shot."

The intricacies of the plot were not simplified when Lucy passed it on to an even younger friend.

"There was once a prince and he wanted to marry a chicken..."

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The arrest of four residents on terrorism charges has focused a spotlight on Rahat. Joel Greenberg reports.



The old ways linger on.



(Pictures, Mike Goldberg) Beduin women on the way to a Kupat Holim clinic.

Cloud over a Negev town

AT MIDDAY, a bright desert sun beats down on the sprawling Beduin town of Rahat, whose stucco houses dot the dun-colored hills of the Negev north of Beersheba. The wind whips up sand from the desert and carries it over the town's empty streets. The men of Rahat have gone off to work in neighbouring Jewish towns and agricultural settlements, and only women and barefoot children are to be seen.

At the communal centre—a complex including three stores, a police station and the local council offices—there is little activity. The stone-paved plaza is empty, the shopkeepers wait for customers, and a handful of men sit in a restaurant talking and reading the afternoon Hebrew papers.

Until last week, Rahat had been pursuing its life far from the limelight. It seemed to exist on the fringes of public awareness, an experiment in introducing urban life to the nomadic Beduin of the Negev, but hardly noteworthy.

The arrest two weeks ago of four Rahat men on suspicion of forming a Fatah cell and planning terror attacks rocked the town out of its sleepy tranquility. The desert town became the focus of national attention, and its population whose loyalty to Israel had been widely acknowledged, was suddenly suspected of having spawned activists hostile to the state.

THE MEN in the restaurant are slow to open up to outside visitors, but gradually they begin to speak more freely, anxious to explain that the arrests are only part of a broader range of problems faced by the 14-year-old town of some 15,000, one of the largest of the five permanent Beduin settlements that have been built in the Negev.

"We still don't believe it," says restaurant owner Suleiman al-Ubra of the accusations against the arrested men. According to him, all four—a school principal, a teacher, a gas distributor and a medical student—are solid citizens who kept away from politics, unlikely candidates for the activity they were charged with.

"The court will decide if they are guilty, but if they are, it would be a real disgrace to spit like that into the plate from which one eats," al-Ubra says.

At a press conference called by the council, townspeople condemned the alleged actions of those arrested, affirmed their loyalty to Israel, and noted that many Beduin served in its armed forces.

People in Rahat are painfully aware of the damage the incident has done to the reputation of the town, and compare it to the recent much-publicized arrest of a Rahat man on suspicion of killing a German kibbutz volunteer earlier this year. The suspect was released after questioning, but residents say the town's reputation was damaged.

RAHAT'S FOUR main Beduin tribes, el-Huzeil, Abu Sehaiban, Abu Blal and al-Finich, live in 24 neighbourhoods divided according to *hamulot*, or clans. This division was decided upon after an attempt to settle different *hamulot* together in the Beduin town of Tel Sheva resulted in friction. The neighbourhoods are built on a circular plan and connected by internal and peripheral roads.

The Rahat area was the traditional home base of the el-Huzeil tribe, but when the town was established in 1972, tribes from other parts of the Negev moved there. Each family was sold a dunam of land on which to build its home, and water pipes were laid to each plot. Roads were built and electricity provided in most neighbourhoods.

However, for Suleiman al-Ubra and other men in his restaurant, not enough has been done in the last decade to complete the town's infrastructure. They complain there is still no sewage system, and that they have to pay for the periodical emptying of septic tanks near their homes. They say that aside from a few neighbourhoods, most of Rahat has no sidewalks, and the streets are narrower than the standard for residential neighbourhoods in Israel. They say some areas still have no electricity.

A tour of parts of the town bore out many of al-Ubra's claims. While some neighbourhoods had sidewalks and even trees planted along the street, others lacked pedestrian walkways and retaining walls in front of the homes. Many of the narrow streets looked neglected and there were no public parks, playgrounds or the landscaped traffic islands typical of Jewish development towns in the Negev.

A SECOND major complaint of Rahat residents is the lack of employment opportunities. A community which serves close to 20,000 Beduin, Rahat has no industrial zone, which is an integral part of Jewish development towns. Moves to set up the zone, which began shortly after the town was founded, have bogged down. Many of the men work at industrial plants or in construction in other towns and agricultural settlements, or are self-employed as electricians or in similar jobs in Rahat.

Khamis Abu-Balal, 30, who works as an assistant plasterer in Beersheba and other areas outside Rahat, says he sometimes works only 10 or 15 days a month. He says many of his colleagues go off for a month at a time to jobs in industries in Rishon LeZion and in other Jewish towns in order to provide for their families.

Al-Ubra says industrial workers from Rahat in neighbouring towns are given the least desirable shifts, usually at night, and are the first to be laid off when there are cutbacks. "It's not because they're Beduin and the others are Jews, but simply because the industries give priority to workers from their own towns," he says.

Khamis Abu-Balal says he does not earn enough to be able to build the house for which he has laid the foundations. Meanwhile, he lives with his wife and children in a two-room tin hut nearby with no running water or sanitation facilities. He is not the only one in the same position.

Abu-Balal says his tribe left the area of Yotv, south of Hebron, because water was scarce there and it was too isolated for them to commute to work in neighbouring towns. However, he feels frustrated by economic problems in his new home.

He is also unhappy that he has been unable to secure government assistance for laying down a soccer field for his team, Hapoel Rahat, one of the three C-division teams in the town. The others are Hapoel al-Ubra and Hapoel el-Huzeil. (A member of the el-Huzeil tribe, Shafik is a well-known player for Maccabi Petach Tikva.)

"We came here to live like human beings, not like in the desert, and we find opportunities closed to us," says Abu-Balal. "We want to move

ahead in life, travel and see other places, but we haven't succeeded. It embarrasses me."

The lack of an industrial zone has caused some residents to open up small-scale industries near their homes. One built a concrete-block factory, another a flour-mill. Others have built extensions to their homes which they have rented out as stores to Arabs from the West Bank, mostly from the Hebron area.

Al-Ubra says the proliferation of home businesses has worked against efforts to establish a centralized industrial zone, and has been tolerated by the local council.

"For the past 10 years there's been no progress and development here," he says. "They've built schools, but there's no place here to earn a living. The commercial centre is dead, and looks the same as it did when it was set up three years ago. We're third-class citizens."

THE SOURCE of the problems, according to the men in the restaurant, is the 11-man local council that runs the town. They have all been appointed by the interior minister and include seven sheikhs from Rahat and four Jews, representing the Interior, Housing, Health and Education ministries. Both the council head, elected by its members, Reuven Wissoker and the secretary, Baruch Hakim, are Jews.

There are complaints that the appointed sheikhs are not genuine representatives of the population

and have failed to work in its interest, and there are few good words for Wissoker and Hakim.

By law, all local councils remain in office until the interior minister sees fit to order new elections, but some residents feel that these had been unjustly delayed, and organized to make an application on the matter to the High Court of Justice. This met with a positive response, and the court ruled in June that elections are to be held in Rahat in 1988.

In the council offices on the second floor of the commercial centre, Baruch Hakim rejects most of the complaints of al-Ubra's customers.

"The current tribal and social situation is not yet mature enough for elections," he says. "There's no overall consensus yet, and everyone thinks his family is the strongest. It will take a few years. We already have some young men here studying municipal administration, and soon there will be a good leadership group for the community."

Hakim defends the current composition of the council, and says the appointed sheikhs are respected and accepted representatives of the community—moderates who have wide public backing. Opposition to them comes from youngsters who are an exception, he says.

As for his own work and that of his Jewish colleagues, "You feel you're on a mission," he says, "working to help this place stand on its own, and to develop good relations with the

neighbouring Jewish communities."

"We have had a history here of good relations," says Hakim, who is a member of the neighbouring kibbutz, Shoval, and a veteran Beduin affairs official of the regional council.

HAKIM CONSIDERS Rahat to be a success story, and an example of a voluntary change of lifestyle by the Beduin, who have chosen to take advantage of the services offered by urban life.

He speaks proudly of the nine schools and the central and neighbourhood health clinics. He says all the streets will be lit by the end of the year, all homes will have electricity by 1988, and the telephone system, which has already reached most neighbourhoods, will be extended to the whole town by the end of the year.

He notes the hourly bus service between Rahat's neighbourhoods and the main highway, and municipal services such as garbage collection and street cleaning. Fifty kilometres of roads have been built in the town, many with sidewalks, and playgrounds and paths are being planned.

The council secretary readily admits that the main problem of Rahat is its lack of local industry, but says delays in its establishment are purely for budgetary reasons.

"It's a matter of priorities. The government ministries were concerned first with taking care of housing and health services. I'm sure that

in half a year work on the industrial zone will begin."

He is convinced that this is the key to the town's future. He is not worried that local businesses will work against centralizing industry in the city, and believes that Rahat residents will naturally be anxious to open car repair shops, carpentry and metalwork shops in the new area, just as they will change their shopping habits and buy at a centralized supermarket to be opened soon.

Hakim says differences between Rahat and neighbouring Jewish settlements, such as its lack of sewage, are also attributable to government budgetary constraints, which do not exist in Jewish communities, whose residents fund sewage construction and other infrastructure improvements themselves.

BOTH Hakim and the men in the restaurant agreed that the latest arrests in Rahat could not be linked to local social discontent, born of economic and social problems. They all noted that the four men arrested had jobs or were training for careers. Hakim noted that Rahat had recently received an award for being the town with the fewest violent incidents relative to the size of its population.

"We have some 200 people unemployed, but it's no worse here than in other parts of the country. This is not the major problem and it's unconnected with some possible extremism in the town."

"We have people here of all political persuasions just like in Arab villages to the north, but no one here believed things would deteriorate to the point where people would be arrested. One thing should be remembered: the Beduin is not a political person."

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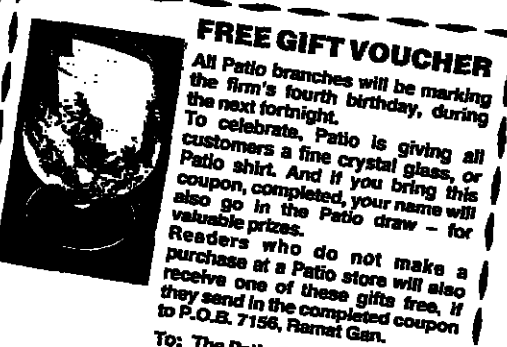
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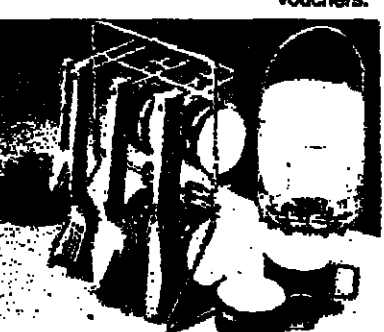
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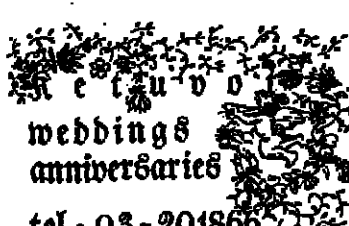


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Young Jews hit back on the U.S. campus

Wolf Blitzer reports from Washington

YOUNG Americans, especially college students, have come to play an increasingly aggressive and important role in American politics. This was, of course, dramatically underlined in the turbulent days of the 1960s and the Vietnam War, during the presidential campaigns of Eugene McCarthy and Robert Kennedy.

Since then, it has been very clear that the young people can do all sorts of things to bolster a politician's chances of winning. They can, for example, engage in volunteer work by knocking on doors, writing letters, raising money, helping to bring out the vote and circulating flyers. These young people, moreover, can influence the thinking of many adults, including their own parents.

And as all politicians quickly come to recognize, young people eventually get older. Once out of college, many of the best and the brightest can be brought aboard the staffs of a congressman or a senator to prepare speeches, answer constituents' mail, draft legislation, do campaign work, raise campaign funds and many other useful things.

In the American politics of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the battle for public opinion, young people are involved in a significant role. This battle is being played out across the country on college campuses. Pro-Israeli and pro-Arab students, using some very sophisticated techniques, are confronting each other on an almost daily basis.

"I think that over the last decade we've seen a slow but steady increase in student involvement in overall political issues and political cam-

paigns," said Jonathan Kessler, political leadership director at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (Aipac), the pro-Israeli lobbying group in Washington. "The pro-Israeli students—the Jewish students in particular—seem to be leading the way. The Jewish students were in the forefront in the late 1960s and early 1970s. They seem to be in the forefront again."

But Kessler, himself only 29 years old, said there was an important difference today.

"It seems as though the Jewish students are much more Jewishly aware, more Jewishly conscious in their developing political participation than the last time around in the 1960s," he said in an interview. "They are working not only on campus; they are also working in the community."

KESSLER, who has visited scores of colleges and universities in recent years organizing pro-Israeli political activity, has been instrumental in creating an Aipac presence in many of them. As a result, he was sharply criticized by former Republican representative Paul Findley of Illinois in his book *They Dare Speak Out*.

Findley, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee who was seen as pro-Arab, was narrowly defeated in 1982 by Democratic challenger Richard Durbin, an outspoken friend of Israel. Both Findley and Durbin have said that the last-minute involvement of scores of pro-Israeli college students played a decisive role in the final outcome.

"Although Aipac doesn't rate or endorse candidates," Kessler said,



"we do encourage our student members to get involved in the political process on every level."

Referring to the highly-publicized Findley-Durbin race, Kessler said that some 150 students at the University of Illinois drove to Springfield on election day where they volunteered to help bring out the vote for Durbin.

"They manned the phones, they distributed campaign literature, they went door to door, and they actually drove people to the polls. The students speculate that on average, they were responsible for approximately 10 votes each in the course of the eight to 10 hours that they worked there. As you know, Durbin beat Findley by 1,413 votes."

Two years later, pro-Israeli students were also very much involved in the effort to defeat Republican Senator Charles Percy of Illinois. He was facing a tough challenge from Democrat Congressman Paul Simon.

"In 1984," Kessler said, "over 400 students were involved in the Simon effort to beat Percy."

On election day, pro-Israeli students also showed up in Illinois from outside the state. Some 100 students drove there from Bloomington, Indiana, 50 from Ann Arbor, Michigan, and another 50 from St. Louis, Missouri. The students were clearly

not as decisive in helping to defeat Percy as they were in the Findley contest. But they still played a role.

"I THINK that Aipac has been instrumental in facilitating what could legitimately be called a revolution in the way pro-Israeli students are involved on campus and in the community," Kessler said.

In the last decade, pro-Israeli students have moved largely from public relations—organizing Israel Independence Day celebrations and all sorts of cultural events involving Israel—to "tangible political activity." In the process, they have responded aggressively to Arab propaganda, which often is quite effective in trying to isolate Israel.

Kessler estimates that there are approximately 400,000 Jewish students enrolled in American universities at any one time and that in the last five years, Aipac has either affiliated or trained over 10,000 of them in various seminars. Several hundred came to Washington every year to attend Aipac's three-day policy conference.

Recently, Aipac organized strategy meetings at the University of Texas in Austin, Columbia University in New York, Brandeis University outside Boston, Stanford University in California and Yale University in New Haven.

The meetings, he said, were not really issue-oriented but skills-oriented—"coalition building, working with the media, working with student government, legislative campaigns, electoral campaigns, the nuts and bolts of politics. Now, between the five of them, we trained 1,300 students in just over two months."

There are other national Jewish organizations on the campuses. The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations play a very vital role in helping Jewish students religiously, educationally and culturally. On a smaller scale, there is also the American Zionist Youth Foundation.

But by law, those tax-exempt organizations are not allowed to spend too much of their time dealing with political affairs. Aipac, on the other hand, is not a tax-exempt organization, but a political lobby.

"We're involved with the next generation of Jewish political activists," said Kessler. "We're making them effective players in the political process...We're not interested in doing social and general *hasbara* work. Aipac can appeal to the politically-oriented student who happens to be Jewish."

Thus, Aipac can complement the work of the Hillel Foundations and the AZYF. And they usually do

work well together, even though at times there is some friction.

AIPAC'S PRESIDENT, Bob Asher of Chicago, defended his organization's decision to go beyond its traditional agenda by organizing students. He denied that Aipac was infringing on the turf of other Jewish groups. "We work very closely with Hillel," he said.

Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller, the Hillel director at the University of California at Los Angeles, agreed that the two groups have developed a "fine-tuned, cooperative relationship" over the past few years. He said, however, that Hillel, on its own, does indeed get involved in political issues "and considers those questions to be an essential dimension of its mandate."

But the rabbi said that Hillel and Aipac clearly differ in their understanding of the perceived threat of Arab propaganda on campus and on the appropriate methods of response. Aipac, he said, often exaggerated the danger, especially as part of its fund-raising efforts.

As an example, he cited a direct fund-raising mail campaign which featured an Arab clad in a keffiyeh on the outside of an envelope, with the bold headline: "The PLO is after your children."

Hillel, he said, believes that "we

stand to be discredited unless we depict the situation honestly, without hyperbole, and fight the Arab threat through a positive programme of Zionist education."

ACCORDING to Seidler-Feller, Aipac's emphasis is "political action," whereas Hillel sees Zionist education as "the centerpiece of its Israel programme. Only in this way can we guarantee a future generation of Israel supporters."

Aipac has a somewhat different assessment of the threat.

"When our young people come to campus," said Bob Asher, "they face, for the first time, a rather professional PLO presence there. When I say professional, what I mean is the PLO presence there is to advocate the PLO position. It is not to be university students. And the Jewish students come and they realize that they don't have the answers. So part of our work is to give the young people the answers."

Asher said it was also important to give the Jewish students a sense of participating in the political process on behalf of strong U.S.-Israeli ties. Finally, he said, the young people, "with their drive and energy," can get very close "to the actual playing field of the political arena."

The American students who study in Israel represent a critical pool of future talent when they return to their campuses from the various universities, schools and yeshivot, said Asher. "These students are clearly the passionate core of the pro-Israel movement on college campuses," he said.

They usually come back to the U.S. with their batteries charged to support Israel. "In fact," Kessler said, "Aipac sends me to Israel at least once a year to talk with as many American students as I can on the various programmes to encourage them to get involved with Aipac on their return to the U.S. And we recruit some of our best activists there."

Kessler is most proud of the fact that among Jewish students, there is a certain cachet nowadays in being involved politically on behalf of Israel. It's often a popular thing to do on campus. And that bodes well for Israel and the American Jewish community in the years ahead.

This is the third, and final, article in a series on the work of Aipac.

Knesset Members in the moonlight

Aryeh Rubinstein / Knesset Reporter



I.E. Nebenzahl (Dan Schaffner)

HOUSE COMMITTEE chairman Micha Reiser, and his Likud colleagues in the committee, have made an about-face from their original support for Virshubski. The reason appears to be an attempt to put pressure on the Nebenzahl Committee on MKs' salaries.

The real question, Reiser now says, is not conflict of interest at all: it is whether the MK gets a salary high enough to enable the Knesset to ban all outside gainful employment. That's the way the U.S. Congress does it, he says. (But members there may earn up to an additional 30 per cent of their salary by making speeches and writing articles.) The other extreme, says Reiser, is Britain's House of Commons, where the pay is low and where there are no restrictions on moonlighting. He prefers the American way.

Reiser appointed a subcommittee, headed by himself, purportedly to deal with Virshubski's proposal. But at its one and only meeting, in mid-June, he defined the subject on the agenda as the rules of ethics as they pertain to MKs' outside work income. In the debate, conflict of interest and Para. 12 were all but forgotten.

Three thousand dollars a month. That was the figure Reiser threw out as a suitable salary for an MK. (In a

brief talk with this reporter he said he saw no reason why an MK should not get the pay of an *aluf*—a major-general—or at least a *ut-aluf*.) Today, the gross monthly pay, including global per diem (*eshel*) not dependent on actual expenditure, and travel allowance, is NIS 3,170 or about \$2,000. So Reiser must surely mean \$3,000 in addition to the two extras.

The message to Nebenzahl seems to be: if we don't get something like that figure, we'll repeal whatever "ethical" restrictions now exist on an MK's outside work, as well as the prohibition against an MK moonlighting as an employee.

KNESSET Speaker Shlomo Hillel, at his end-of-term press conference, was asked whether the question of outside work was included in Nebenzahl's terms of reference. He replied that that was doubtful. This, although Hillel himself appointed the committee. From talks with Nebenzahl, he said, his impression was that the committee was not dealing with that matter but would recommend that the Knesset do so. Didn't that mean that the MKs

might win a large salary hike from Nebenzahl, but ignore his recommendations about curtailing outside work, or put it off from year to year? Hillel granted that this was a possibility.

When I put the same question to Dr. Nebenzahl in a brief telephone interview, he laughed in a manner suggesting that only a suspicious journalist could dream that Knesset members would resort to such a dirty trick. He did make it clear that restrictions on an MK's outside work can be imposed only by legislation. But what he would not be drawn on was how the committee proposed to solve the problem of a uniform salary that would be fair or suitable for all MKs, whether they moonlight or don't.

NONE OF THIS is to say that Reiser's idea of high pay and no outside work is without merit. Not every lawyer continues his practice after he is elected to the Knesset, and it would be a better place if none of them did. And the tax consultants, and all the others.

It is doubtful whether it can be proven statistically that MKs who moonlight do not pull their weight in the Knesset. The quantitative statistics are of limited value. One speech in the House that calls attention to a neglected problem or proposes a

novel solution is worth more than any number of routine speeches that refresh what everybody knows.

And the publication of quantitative statistics can be self-defeating. A year or two ago, Zvi Yisraeli, Kol Yisrael's parliamentary reporter, named a number of MKs who had not spoken once in the plenum in a period of several months. Some of them suddenly waxed eloquent. But this was not necessarily a gain for the Knesset.

It is even worse in the committee, where a record of attendance is kept but where putting in a five-minute appearance entitles one to be marked present. The secretary of the Finance Committee, Ivor Kershner, says that after attendance statistics began to be published, there was an increase in the number of these lightning visits to the committee. For that reason he has stopped compiling statistics for publication.

But it stands to reason that, barring exceptions, the MK who has his mind on his business or profession will have less time and energy to devote to his Knesset duties. And that goes a good way to explaining the empty seats both in the plenum and in the committee rooms.

Liba'i, at any rate, has no reason to hesitate. Since the Para. 12 subcommittee decided to hold its next meeting only towards the end of the Knesset's normal four-year term, he can even now announce his candidacy for the next Knesset without any apprehensions.

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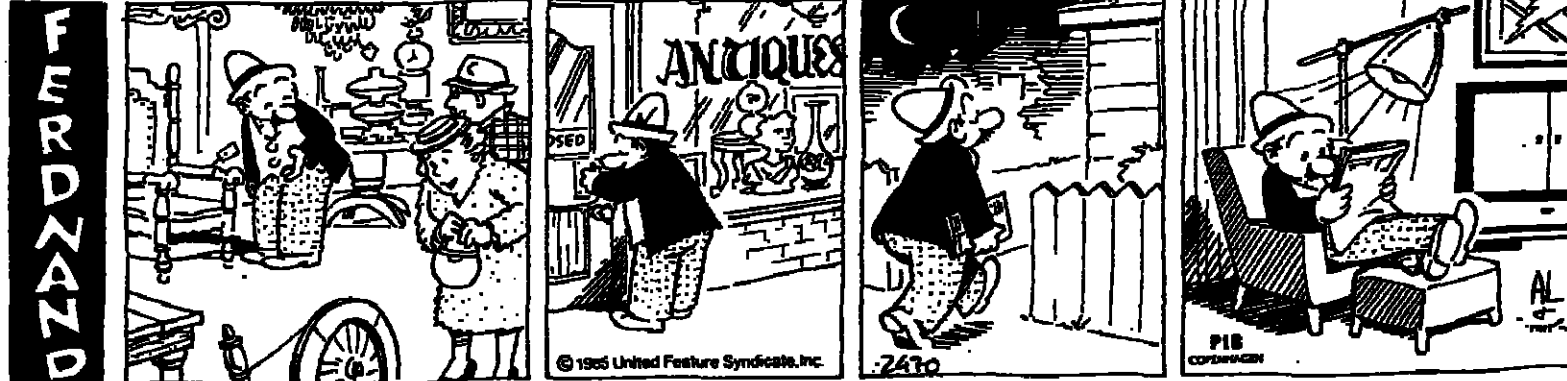
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BASEBALL

Dodgers enjoy services of a stand-in

NEW YORK (AP). — Lew Matuszek, one of a host of Los Angeles players forced into action because of a rash of injuries to hit the Dodgers this season, continues to produce. He belted in two homers in the Dodgers 7-4 victory over the Houston Astros, a centerpiece of Wednesday's baseball action.

It was the first time Matuszek has homered twice in the same game in his Major League career.

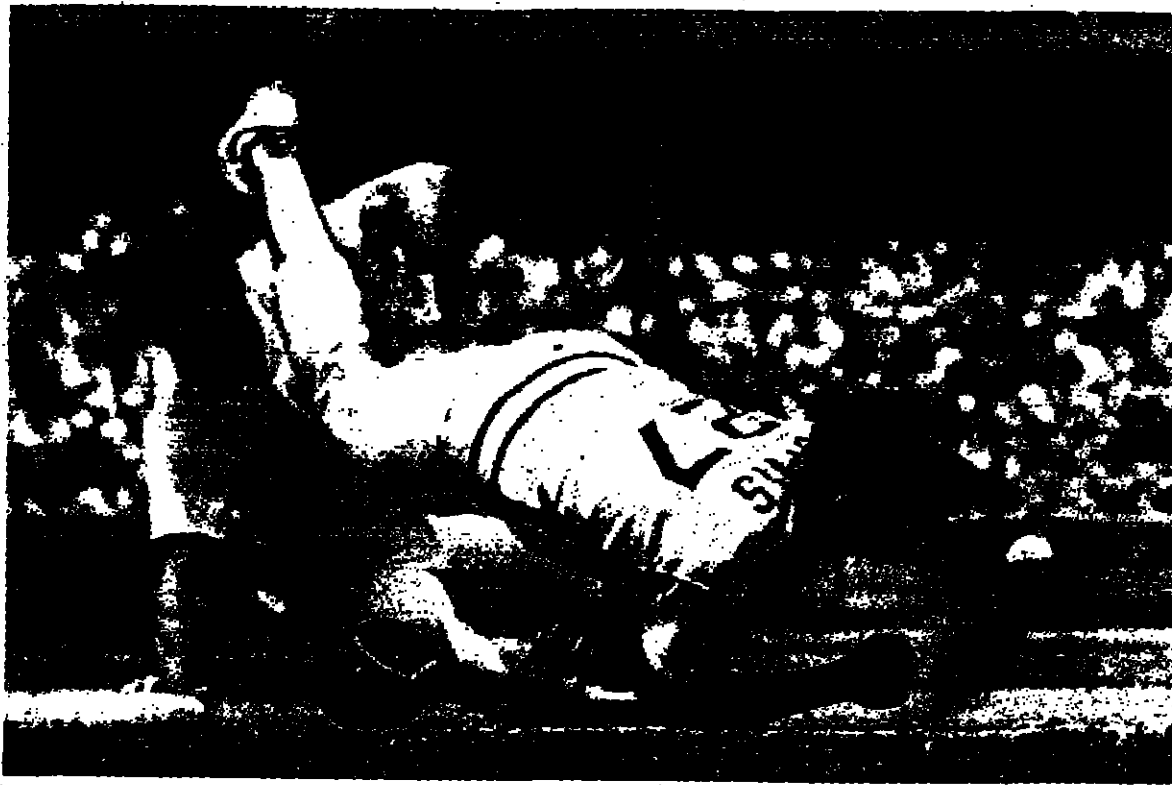
Mike Marshall broke an 0-for-15 slump with a two-run single as Los Angeles won two of three games to move within 5½ games of the Astros in the National League West.

Mets 7, Cubs 6
Mookie Wilson, who came off the bench to drive in three runs, got two of them home with a decisive broken-bat single off reliever Lee Smith in the top of the 12th inning as the New York Mets defeated the Chicago Cubs 7-6 in the first game of a double header.

Keith Hernandez had three hits and Gary Carter homered and knocked in three runs as New York led 6-4 in the nightcap, which was suspended because of darkness after seven innings.

Giants 2, Reds 1
Pinch-hitter Mike Aldrete lined a single to center with two outs in the 14th inning to drive in Chris Brown as the San Francisco Giants earned a 2-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Expos 5, Pirates 2
Time Raines and Mitch Webster hit RBI triples and Floyd Youmans scattered five hits over seven innings as the Montreal Expos defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates, 5-2.



ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST. — Houston Astros' Glenn Davis loses the ball and goes flying over the Dodgers' Steve Sax, safe on first after a pick off attempt. Los Angeles beat Houston 7-4.

Cardinals 2, Phillies 1
Don Carman balked Ozzie Smith home from third base with two outs in the eighth inning, giving St. Louis a 2-1 victory over Philadelphia.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Texas 13, Baltimore 11
Larry Sheets and Jim Dwyer hit Grand Slams in the fourth inning that put Baltimore ahead. But the Orioles didn't have anybody who

could slam the door on the Texas Rangers.
Toby Harrah went 5-for-5 with a Grand Slam and a six-run rally in the eighth inning led the Rangers past the Orioles 13-11.

Red Sox 9, White Sox 0
Bruce Hurst threw a three-bitter and Boston beat Chicago's Floyd Bannister for the 11th straight time.

Twins 5, Angels 2
Gary Gaetti homered and doubled. Driving in three runs and leading Minnesota over visiting California.

Blue Jays 8, Royals 0
The host Blue Jays scored five times in the fourth inning.
Yankees 5, Brewers 3
Ron Guidry pitched 7½ strong innings and Dave Winfield homered

and singled twice as New York beat Milwaukee.

A's 7, Mariners 5
Rookie Jose Canseco, leading the Major Leagues with 92 RBI, doubled home the tie-breaking run in the top of the ninth inning and then scored on a single by Carney Landon as Oakland beat Seattle.

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	62	44	.586	—
New York	59	48	.551	3½
Detroit	57	50	.531	5½
Toronto	57	52	.523	6½
Cleveland	55	51	.519	7
Milwaukee	52	54	.491	10

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	57	50	.533	—
Texas	56	52	.519	1½
Chicago	48	58	.453	9½
Kansas City	45	59	.433	12
Seattle	48	61	.440	10
Minnesota	47	60	.439	10
Oakland	47	63	.427	11½

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES: Minnesota 5, California 2; New York 4, Milwaukee 3; Cleveland at Detroit, ppd., rain; Toronto 5, Kansas City 0; Texas 13, Baltimore 11; Boston 9, Chicago 0; Oakland 7, Seattle 5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	70	34	.673	—
Montreal	53	50	.515	16½
Philadelphia	52	53	.495	18½
St. Louis	48	55	.464	20½
Chicago	46	58	.442	24
Pittsburgh	42	61	.408	27½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	60	48	.556	—
San Francisco	56	52	.519	4
Los Angeles	54	53	.505	5
San Diego	51	56	.477	8½
Atlanta	50	57	.467	9½
Cincinnati	49	58	.457	10

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES: New York 7, Chicago 6, 12 innings, 1st game; New York 4, Chicago 4, 7 innings, 2nd game; San Francisco 5, Cincinnati 1, 14 innings; Los Angeles 7, Houston 4; Montreal 3, Pittsburgh 2; St. Louis 2, Philadelphia 1; Atlanta 4, San Diego 2.

Gloomy Games end with a whimper

By PETER SHARD
EDINBURGH (AP). — The recently concluded Commonwealth Games were entirely unmemorable. Apart from the fact that they will go down in sports history as the Games at which a political boycott was at last dramatically effective. The Montreal, Moscow and Los Angeles Olympics each succeeded in struggling off with comfortable ease the boycott attempt by various nations. Here, however, as the sound of bagpipes fades the 13th Commonwealth Games will leave little of lasting sporting interest, they will be recalled almost essentially for the success of the boycott by African and Asian nations in protest over Britain's South Africa policy.

The boycott and the British Government's reluctance to head off a confrontation with the rest of the Commonwealth ultimately left the games bereft of top-class competition. No mention will be made of the Games in the major record books. Few stars of the future have emerged, and the established athletes did little to distinguish their careers.

In fact, in almost all respects, 13 proved to be a very unlucky number indeed for the fair city of Edinburgh. Even the weather failed to come up with the goods. For 10 days, the rain, wind and cold all conspired to make the Scottish capital a bleak, uncomfortable place to be. The cynics suggested that the African athletes had consulted the long-term weather forecasts, as well as heads of government, before deciding to give the Games the go-by.

Indeed, it may yet transpire that the Games will go down in history as the last of their kind, for, with the Commonwealth in crisis, severely split over the vexed question of South Africa, there are fears that the loose alliance, widely seen as an anachronistic hangover of Empire days, may finally fall apart, before the Games can reconvene in Auckland, New Zealand, in 1990.

Highlights were few and far between, and even fewer were those which centred around the sporting arenas. For many, perhaps, the most memorable sight was the reception accorded to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Asked to stay away by Edinburgh City Council, the so-called "Iron Lady" characteristically defied the requests, only to be snubbed by all but a handful of athletes when she visited the Games village, to have her car pelted with



A BRIGHTER MOMENT. — Members of the gold medal winning Australian rowing eight throw in their cox before the medal presentation at Strathclyde Country Park. (Reuters telephoto)

tomatoes as she arrived at the Meadowbank stadium and to be forced to run the gauntlet of anti-apartheid protesters.

The outstanding figure of the Games was the larger-than-life millionaire publisher and self-publicist Robert Maxwell, who somehow emerged as chairman of the Commonwealth Games Company and was to be seen popping up in photographs whenever a royal personage was at hand, a medal to be awarded or a statement to be made.

He had more than one altercation with the City Council, but, on the penultimate day, he wheeled out an octogenarian Japanese shipping magnate and benefactor who has promised to underwrite the Games' losses.

Second only to Maxwell in public value was decathlete Daley Thompson, who ran into controversy early on when he erased the name of a major sponsor from his vest, because the sponsor sells beer, and he is opposed to alcohol.

Sportswise, there was disappoint-

ment at the absences of Kenya's renowned runners and boxers, as well as of English middle-distance star Sebastian Coe through illness, thus depriving him of his last chance to get among the Commonwealth medals and depriving the events of considerable talent. Also missing were England's two South Africans, controversial runner Zola Budd and swimmer Annette Cowley, both of whom would have brought to their events some much-needed muscle.

England's Sarah Hardcastle, just 0.15 sec. outside a world record on her way to the 800m. freestyle gold, was the only competitor to produce anything close to an outstanding result. The conditions on the track made fast times virtually impossible.

Scotland's Liz Lynch proved to be the local heroine when she won the 10,000m. in pouring rain and the strains of "Scotland the Brave" rang out over the Meadowbank Stadium for the first time, while Kirsty Wade, of Wales, became the first woman ever to win both 800m. and 1,500m. gold medals.

DAVIS CUP

Swiss will reschedule tie if compensated

Post Sports Staff
Israel reportedly need not default the Davis Cup European Zone final tennis match set for Rosh Hashana against Switzerland if the Swiss are reimbursed the money lost from a mid-week rescheduling.

Israel's ambassador to Switzerland David Rivlin told the Basel-based independent Jewish weekly *Juedische Rundschau* yesterday that the Swiss have agreed to reschedule the match from October 1 through 3.

But, the paper learned, the Swiss Tennis Association (STA) only agreed to change the dates if Israel came up with the five-figure sum in dollars that the Swiss would lose by holding the event during the week.

The STA last night informed the Israel Tennis Association and the London-based International Tennis Federation, which must approve the rescheduling, of their proposal.

On Tuesday, Rivlin had said the match would have to be cancelled after a group of Orthodox rabbis in Switzerland had written Prime Minister Shimon Peres protesting the original October 3 through 5 schedule.

A win for Israel in the zone final would mean inclusion in the 16-nation world Davis Cup group.

TENNIS

'Punk' shocks Mayotte

STRATTON MOUNTAIN, Vermont (AP). — Andre Agassi, an unknown 16-year-old right-hander with a two-tone punk hairdo, shocked fifth-seeded Tim Mayotte on Wednesday to join the top three seeds in the third round of the \$315,000 Volvo International Tennis Tournament.

John McEnroe, making his return to tennis, will have to wait to play his second-round match against his doubles partner, Peter Fleming.

Israel's Shahar Peres, reportedly near the end of his pro tennis career, yesterday lost his third round match in the Austrian Open to Austrian Horst Skoff 4-6, 4-6. The loss to the unseeded Skoff came just one day after Peres knocked off Frenchman Thierry Tulasne, the tournament's third seed and no. 10 in the world.

Peres's second-round victim was Simone Colombo, of Italy, coincidentally one behind in the ATP standings. In last year's tournament Peres reached the quarter-finals.

A heavy downpour halted the McEnroe-Fleming match in the opening game just as McEnroe complained about a line call on an ace

that gave Fleming a 40-30 lead. Although the storm was brief, by the time the court had been dried, it would have been too dark to continue.

Agassi, a qualifier who celebrated his 16th birthday two months ago and is playing in only his fourth tournament as a pro, pulled off the biggest upset of the 64-player event when he downed Mayotte 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. But Mayotte, who won Queens Club in June, wasn't the only seeded player to be stopped on the overcast day.

Canada's Martin Lammertgen ousted No. 8 Paul Anagnostou 6-3, 4-6, 7-6; Greg Tebbel eliminated No. 9 Johan Kriek 6-1, 6-3; Pablo Arraya of Peru downed No. 13 Tim Wilkison 6-4, 6-2; and Milan Strehar of Czechoslovakia defeated No. 16 Ramesh Krishnan of India 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

The top three seeds — Ivan Lendl, Boris Becker and Jimmy Connors — all made it safely into the third round, although Becker was taken to three sets.

Lendl had no problems disposing of South Africa's Barry Male 6-1, 6-2; Becker escaped an upset bid by Ken Flach 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; Connors stopped Brad Pearce 6-4, 6-3; Peres defeated Gary Donnelly 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; and Gilbert defeated Marcel Freeman 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Agassi, who looks more like a rock music star than a tennis player, became an instant favorite with the crowd, especially the younger fans, with his victory over Mayotte.

Mets drop Foster

CHICAGO (Reuters). — The New York Mets have announced they were releasing \$10 million left-fielder George Foster who complained Tuesday that his recent demotion to part-time status may have been racially motivated.

The 37-year-old Foster, who was the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1977 when he hit 52 home runs as a key cog in the Cincinnati Reds' "Big Red Machine," said clubs prefer to build up white stars at the expense of black ones.

The Mets' general manager Frank Cashen made no reference to the racial issue in his announcement, alluding only to Foster's unhappiness over his reduced playing time.

Foster had been replaced as a starter by hot-hitting rookie Kevin Mitchell, who like him is black, but he was apparently referring to once and future Met Lee Mazzilli.

Mazzilli, a Brooklyn native, was traded away by the Mets four years ago after becoming a local favorite as much for his posterboy looks as for his moves on the field.

After unsuccessful stints with three big league clubs, Mazzilli was cut and the Mets recently picked him up and signed him to a minor league team. He was called up after Foster was cut.



DROPPED. — George Foster

Foster, the last Major League player to hit 50 home runs and ranking 37th on the all-time list with 347, this year was batting only .228 but had slugged 13 homers — not bad but not good enough for a man being paid \$2 million a year.

The Mets, whose 70-34 win-loss record is by far the best in the Major Leagues, must continue to pay Foster. He is in the final year of a five-year guaranteed contract.

ATHLETICS

Ovett flies; Nehemiah back in hurdling form

KOBLENZ, West Germany (Reuters). — Steve Ovett Wednesday returned to his favourite track to clock the best time in the world this year over 1,500 metres and then announced he would not take part in the event in the European Championships in Stuttgart.

Ovett's time of three minutes 33.78 seconds was the fastest he has run for three years over his favourite distance.

But he said after the race he had decided to run the 5,000 metres for Britain in Stuttgart, the event he has concentrated on this season.

Ovett, who won the Commonwealth 5,000 metres title last week, was delighted with his form tonight.

"I feel in good shape," Ovett said. "I was ready for the comeback but I missed the special pressure and confidence you can only get from competition."

"A couple more time-up races and I'll be ready for the big ones."

Ed Moses, unbeaten over 400 metres hurdles since 1977, could become the first man to break 47 seconds when he competes in the International Athletics Congress (IAC) Grand Prix meeting today in London.

Moses, the world and Olympic champion, said this week he could break his own world record of 47.02 if conditions were favourable at Crystal Palace.

The American clocked 48.21 in an easy win at the Birmingham athletics meeting on July 19. It was his first appearance in Britain for six years and brought his unbeaten run to 112.

The IAC has assembled a high-class field for the hurdles with Olympic silver medalist Danny Harris and Andre Phillips scheduled to take part.

Harris and Phillips are the only Americans besides Moses to break 48 seconds and Harris has the world's best time this year of 47.82.

TENNIS:

Unseeded Jaffaites into finals

By JACK LEON
JAFFA. — Unseeded home players Ilan Erlich and Medi Dadush yesterday overcame seeded opponents to reach the singles finals of their respective events at the Hirschfeld International Junior Circuit tournament at the ITC courts here.

Erlich overwhelmed no. 2 seed Miki Markovitz of Holland without conceding a game and in today's boys' final at 9 a.m. he meets fourth seeded Ohad Weinberg, who upset top seed Stefan Schneider from West Germany 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 in his semi-final.

Dadush beat no. 6 seed Amit Varon 6-4, 6-1 to advance to the last round in style, and in the other half of the girls' draw, Germany's no. 1 seed Stefanie Rehmke cruised past fourth-seeded local girl Dana Carmi 6-1, 6-4.

Portuguese guests Jose Marion Silva and Paulo Coelho marked the first appearance of tennis players from their country in Israel by beating Weinberg and South African Jonathan Rom 2-6, 7-6 (7-4), 7-5 in the boys' doubles final, coming back from a 2-5 deficit in the dramatic third-set climax. Carmi and Varon took the girls' doubles title.

The ITC circuit moves to Haifa today, where play in the main draw begins at 9 a.m.

CRICKET

Hadlee: Scourge of England

NOTTINGHAM (Reuters). — Richard Hadlee again proved himself the master of England's batsmen yesterday, claiming six victims on the first day of the second cricket Test at Trent Bridge to become the third-highest wicket-taker in Test history.

Only ex-captain David Gower, with a refined 71, and Bill Athey, who hit his maiden Test 50, proved equal to the New Zealand all-rounder as he took six for 74 off 29.4 overs before bad light halted play 20 minutes early.

England finished on 240 for nine

after looking well set for a healthy total at 170 for three with Gower and Mike Gatting going well.

Hadlee never wasted a ball in the overcast conditions and the quality of his bowling is shown by the manner of dismissal — three bowled, one leg before and two caught behind.

Hadlee now has 327 Test victims, two more than former England pace-man Bob Willis. Only Australia's Dennis Lillee and England all-rounder Ian Botham now stand above him with over 350 wickets to their names.

Millionaire Getty set to become umpire

LONDON (AP). — John Paul Getty II, the American millionaire recluse, could soon be making several public appearances — as a cricket umpire.

Getty, awarded an honorary British knighthood in June, has been invited to don a cricket umpire's white jacket by Isthme Cricket Club in Buckinghamshire, England.

CHESS

Match level as Karpov wins

LONDON (Reuters). — Anatoly Karpov won the fifth game of the World Chess Championship Wednesday, levelling his challenge against defending champion Gary Kasparov.

The 32-move win turned around a match that had begun strongly in Kasparov's favour. The score is now 2½ to 2½ with one win apiece and three draws.

The match continues today, with Kasparov playing white.

The 23-year-old champion chose a sharp new variation of the Gruenfeld defence and both players rattled off their first 18 moves to reach a position which had experts in heated debate.

As the game developed, it became

clear that Kasparov had wrongly assessed the position and a full house of spectators saw a demonstration of Karpov's iron technique.

The champion managed to create complications but hesitated after sacrificing a pawn.

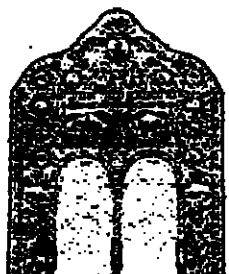
After a long think, Kasparov became flushed and international master Paul Littlewood said: "It was clear he realized he had missed something."

Karpov kept Kasparov's pieces bottled up and remorselessly trained his sights on weak pawns. In the final position Kasparov was faced with the loss of a second pawn and still had not managed a glimmer of counterplay. Finally, he extended his hand and conceded the game.

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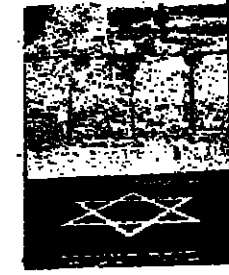
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Beer: more than a drink

Germans make beverage a national pastime

Wladimir Struminski / Post Bonn Correspondent

IF A GERMAN tells you to mind your own beer, do not search to make sure your mug is nearby. What he means is: "Mind your own business."

That is just one of the traces beer - the national drink - has left on the German language. The influence is not surprising, because in West Germany beer is more than just a drink. It is a way of life, and understanding its importance is essential to understanding the national character.

Thus, a frisky mood is "Bierlaune" (beer mood). A silly joke is "Bierluch" (beer chuck) - why else would you be so humorous?

On the other hand, unsmiling people are "Bierernst" (beer-earnest). An over-zealous fellow employee is, similarly, "biereifrig" (beer-zealous).

Germans, of course do not only talk about beer. They drink it - a lot of it. Per capita beer consumption in West Germany is the highest in the world and has been hovering between 144 and 151 litres annually since the early 1970s, after a rapid expansion in the 25 years after WWII.

Bavarians drink an average of 235 litres a year, exceeded only by the Saar district residents, who each down roughly 250 litres a year.

Men drink more than women, with the average adult West German male getting 27 per cent of his total calorie intake from beer, according to government statistics.

Coffee is consumed in slightly larger quantities, but the average West German spends three times as much on beer - about NIS 215 a year - as on coffee.

The drink's influence crosses all social barriers. Indeed, a recent opinion poll showed that a visit to a pub is the favourite way to spend free time for 78 per cent of all West Germans. Nearly one out of two West Germans has a regular pub where he feels "at home," the poll showed, though beer is also a favourite drink at home and at huge public festivals.

Like the English with their tea, the Germans believe beer has special curative properties. They claim it strengthens muscles and is even good for nursing mothers and their babies. They say beer helps them eat more and heavier food - which many con-

sider an advantage. It reportedly eases the temper and helps overcome shyness.

The beverage is a major industry - West Germany produces 10 per cent of the world's total beer output. And lately, that has become the focus of a dispute within the European Community, with other countries claiming West Germany is illegally restricting imports to protect its nearly 1,250 breweries and 5,000 brands of beer.

The story could be said to have started centuries ago, when Germans introduced a law that ensured a special role for beer in Germany: the ordinance of purity. Enacted in 1516 by the Duke of Bavaria, Wilhelm IV, it stipulated that beer be made only of four ingredients: water, hops, yeast and barley malt. The ordinance is still West German law.

That means that foreign beer may be sold in West Germany as beer only if it is brewed according to the purity standard. This strongly protects West German beer producers, for only a few foreign brewers, mainly from neighbouring Denmark, Belgium and Czechoslovakia, bother to brew "pure" brands for the West German market.

In countries other than West Germany, beer is sometimes produced from maize or millet, rather than only barley. Other countries also allow chemical additives as preservatives and taste-enhancers. The rule effectively limits the West German market to local producers. Only one per cent of the country's beer consumption comes from imports.

Brewers and the government say the purity ordinance protects public health. A nation of heavy beer drinkers, they argue, is likely to be damaged more than others by chemical additives.

But the European Community

says the ordinance is an illegal non-tariff barrier to free trade within the Community. An EC commission has taken the West German government to the European Court in Luxembourg in an attempt to eliminate the ban on "non-pure" beer brands.

Even West German experts think the import limitations may crumble - at least in part, though a decision is not expected for several months. The court is likely to uphold the ban on many additives in beer and may even demand their ban in other Community countries as well, but a certain liberalization of the West German beer market seems unavoidable.

The combination of water, yeast, malt and hops probably won't remain the only formula allowed. This may do no additional harm to German beer drinkers but is bound to pose problems for the country's breweries.

LARGELY a result of the long protection from foreign competition, most breweries are inefficient and liberalized rules could put some out of business. Indeed, critics say the brewers may care less for public health than for their own survival.

Those critics point out that the "purity" of German beer is less than the full truth. Some brands contain sugar, while others may use cereals and water with traces of poisonous heavy metals and chemicals.

ANY DISCUSSION of West Germany's love of beer - and the German character - must include a review of the alcoholism problem. The government estimates there are one and a half million alcoholics in Germany - up from 900,000 in 1975. Although Germans drink other kinds of alcohol, beer is a chief culprit because of its affordability

and social acceptance. Another way of understanding the severity of the problem is by comparing the numbers of alcoholics to the number of drug addicts here. There are 50,000 drug addicts - a problem which has received more publicity than alcoholism.

The social cost is enormous. Alcohol damages the liver, the pancreas and the heart, and contributes to weight gains, with the ensuing health risks and costs. Officials blame drunk driving for 4,000 traffic deaths a year, along with injuries and material damage. Many children are born handicapped because of their mother's alcohol use.

But beer's popularity is likely to continue, with 25 per cent of 14-17 year olds drinking it regularly, according to 1982 figures. That is, however, a drop from 40 per cent use in 1970.

Another study shows that 59 per cent of 12-14 year olds could help themselves to alcohol in their parents' homes.

Both the government and the brewers union say they oppose excessive drinking, but reject total abstinence as an aim of youth education. "Moderate drinking" is considered harmless, although what moderate means is unclear. Pressure exists to cut beer consumption - it is too much a part of the social fabric.

Advertisements are not limited, unlike for tobacco products, which are considered harmful at any level of use. However, one health ministry official said stronger restrictions may be placed on alcohol consumption by young people. Anti-alcoholism campaigns may stress the potential health dangers, and beer prices could be raised to reduce access to youth.

One way to raise prices would be to increase the beer tax. Only one fifth of the alcohol tax revenue comes from beer sales, although beer makes up at least half of consumption. For political reasons, however, a drastic increase in the tax is hardly likely.

But, for the next several years, alcohol addiction will undoubtedly be an overwhelming problem. In a country known for its efficiency, this is one problem that is out of control.



Chorus Line, winner of nine Tony awards, will be performed at the Caesarea amphitheatre beginning August 19 and in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma on August 24. The Broadway smash hit features music by Marvin Hamlisch, lyrics by Edward Klaben and direction by Michael Bennett.

A risky undertaking

Music / Yohanan Boehm

UPPER GALILEE CHAMBER MUSIC DAYS - All-Brahms programme. Variations on a theme by Haydn, Opus 50; Piano Quartet No. 1 in G minor, Opus 25; Horn Trio in E flat, Opus 46; Liebeslieder-Valse for four voices and piano, four-hands, Opus 52. (Kfar Blum, August 5.)

FOUR LARGE pieces by a single composer in one evening is always a risky undertaking, and particularly with Brahms. Though each composition utilizes a different instrumental arrangement, the sometimes verbose elaborations and soul-searching declarations can produce an opposite effect on the listener than that which the composer intended to convey.

Evelyn Brancard-Arad and Jonathan Zak did their utmost to elicit the maximum effect from the two qualitatively unequal pianos, but I still prefer the orchestral version of variations on Haydn.

The following piano quartet seemed endless, despite the spirited playing of Pinna Salzman, ably assisted by Gil Sharon, Atar Arad and Doron Toister. The Horn Trio was shorter, and each musician was careful to produce tonal balance among the instruments - the horn

was fine, the violin was perhaps too restrained. The whole piece - Idit Zvi, piano; Gil Sharon, violin; Robert Pade, horn - seemed too controlled and emerged somewhat dry and pedantic.

Whoever likes treacherous German *gemuetlichkeit*, got his fill in the final piece, the popular *Liebeslieder-Valse*. Lily Tureh, soprano; Mira Zakai, alto; Wynford Evans, tenor; Michael Rippon, baritone (the last two guests are from Britain), provided fine singing in solo and ensemble, assisted by pianists Idit Zvi and Jonathan Zak. The untiring audience at Kfar Blum took it all in with greatest enthusiasm.

IN CONTRAST, the following night (August 6) offered a varied fare, though not all equally interesting. Boccherini wrote hundreds of pieces, apparently for background entertainment at the Spanish Court, but the interest in this type of music on a concert stage is absolutely nil.

Even the guitar part, played by Doron Salomon, is of no significance, and the piece as a whole is of no musical value.

On the other hand, young Beethoven's flute serenade overflowed with brilliant musical ideas. Pinna Uri Shoham led Gil Sharon and Atar Arad in a fine display of their technical mastery and musical imagination.

Then, things turned serious with the marvellous *Seven Poems* (after Alexander Blok) by Shostakovich, Opus 127. Lily Tureh was in excellent voice, keeping up stamina until the end of this lengthy but never tiring work. Her splendid performance was assisted by Jonathan Zak, Gil Sharon and Doron Toister.

The concert ended with Glinski's famous *Trio Patetico*, which was commendably given in its original version: with clarinet (Eli Eban) and bassoon (Uzi Shalev). Pinna Salzman accompanied on piano, playing with verve and her usual commitment, which ensured a lively and at times brilliant rendition of this Russian, German-Romantic influenced music.

The image is all

TELEREVIEW / Philip Gillon

nalities, thoughts - nothing is immune from being reshaped. Harold Wilson stops being an unkempt shaggy dog with a foul old pipe; he is turned into a spruce executive. Maggie Thatcher becomes the Iron Maiden the British have learned to know so well. It is clear that a good p.r. man could make Quasimodo look like Romeo for electoral purposes, if he condescended to accept the account.

A modern politician will not do anything that is not designed to get him in front of the camera. We live with a fifth dimension - prime time. Real time and Greenwich time no longer exist, there is nothing but prime. President Richard Nixon goes to the Great Wall of China at some ungodly hour to make the news in the U.S. For the same reason he delays his plane for five hours at an airport in Iceland. I was once stuck at the same airport, due to a storm, and I know that hell hath no corner as terrible. But Nixon thought it worth the suffering to have the cameras catch him and Pat, all smiles, descending from their plane. No man can have shown greater love of TV publicity.

It must be borne in mind that the camera is a great liar. If properly handled, it will show only what the p.r. people want it to show. Thus, we saw a candidate visiting a sawmill where there were only two loggers. The camera showed a multitude of admiring people - all members of the candidate's entourage and accompanying pressmen. Generally, the p.r. people see to it that there are cheering crowds waving flags and banners everywhere the candidate goes. President Reagan always speaks in front of an enormous Stars and Stripes, so that the callow mind develops an assumption by association that Reagan = America.

Politicians no longer make speeches; instead they deliver what

the initiated call "sound-bites." They consist of snappy wisecracks or pithy remarks that provoke a chuckle. Walter Mondale, who wanted substance and depth in political speeches, is consigned to the uttermost darkness inhabited by defeated candidates.

Handling television interviews becomes a new art. The wise candidate learns that he does not need to answer difficult questions; he either ignores them or refuses to answer. This gives the TV audience an impression that he is a strong man - remember, they do not really like interviewers, they consider journalists to be prying busybodies. One interviewer said hopelessly, "If I've asked a question three times and haven't got an answer, what am I to do? I haven't got a gun with me, so I can't threaten to shoot if I'm not answered." Arik Sharon has developed to a fine art his method of completely ignoring all questions and questions, and rumbling on and on with whatever he wants to say, like a runaway tank, an effect that no doubt reinforces his macho image with his supporters.

ALL THIS was most interesting and amusing, but it did not prove the thesis that television is the only thing that counts today in politics. After all, people do still read newspapers and listen to radio, and, theoretically, are capable of thought.

Day contended that people believe what they see on television with their own eyes much more than what they read or hear. It is certainly true that 90 per cent of our awareness of our environment comes through the sense of sight. It is also true that TV manages to rivet us in a way that no other medium can achieve. Our attention does not stray while our eyes are glued to the box.

On the other hand, there are some negative aspects to TV for political

candidates. The effect, however great, is ephemeral. Ronnie Reagan merges quickly and smoothly into Blake Carrington, Richard Nixon into J.R.

Then there is the phenomenon I have often noted - the TV viewer's need for new shows and new faces. However much a programme may succeed, it cannot go on and on and on, and still stay top of the ratings. J.R. and Dallas are ousted by Carrington and Dynasty. And bear in mind that we are seeing the protagonists in the soap operas only once a week; we can see the politicians' face every night.

Applying the lessons of this programme to our own political system, and the effect of television on our politics and politicians, I must admit that the principles laid down by the experts seem to apply at first sight to us. According to our usual role, we have tried to ape everything that is most foul and revolting in the American system, and to show that we can make an even worse mess than the Americans do.

Nothing ever done anywhere can be as trashy, vulgar, meretricious, uncivilized, superficial and debased as the political television campaigns that the p.r. people launched on behalf of the major parties during our last two general elections. The jingles, the presentation of the candidates, the selection of issues and the way in which they were handled - all these indicated that the p.r. consultants were convinced that the average voter was a mentally retarded monkey who was dropped on his head shortly after birth.

Of course, we have no way of knowing whether these programmes really influenced voters. My own guess is that they served mostly to reinforce the prejudices that the voters held before the campaign began.

SELDOM HAS Ram Evron had two more impressive guests than he had this week: Dr. Robert Gale, the bone marrow specialist who rushed to the USSR to help the victims of Chernobyl, and the Russian oceanographer who jumped off a ship in the middle of the Pacific and swam to freedom.

Dr. Gale looked, spoke and thought like the ideal of a medical scientist on which we were brought up, before doctors started to go on strike like ordinary mortals. He was the embodiment of wisdom, possessing a love of life and humanity.

I was amazed that Evron thought that Gale was uninvolved with his patients. He considered that his manner was cool and detached. I had the exactly opposite impression; seldom have I seen a man so committed.

He told us that we have to think globally when we deal with nuclear energy, since a nuclear cloud does not respect national boundaries. Dr. Gale is clearly a man who thinks globally about everything, and is above national prejudices.

The Russian oceanographer was also wonderful. In rather slow and halting English he described how he had jumped overboard into a stormy sea at night, and had swum for two days and three nights till he reached an island in the Philippines. All that time he had been without food and drink.

For some reason I could not fathom, Evron was not as sympathetic when handling this hero as he usually is; perhaps he got impatient because the Russian spoke so slowly and the clock may have been ticking away. I for one was very flattered that so remarkable a man has chosen

to live in Israel, although he is not a Jew.

I was horrified by the appeal in Kolbark for everyone to start riding on scooters instead of driving cars. My own impression is that scooters, ducking in and out of traffic, popping up now on your left hand, then on your right, are as dangerous as a basket full of asps.

Just because the Japanese and Italians use them does not prove that they are good things by any manner of means. These two nations have erred greatly in the past.

Time Trouble, the British drama about a chess game between a Russian grandmaster thinking of defecting and a Liverpool *wunderkind*, the son of an unemployed worker and a bitter, estranged feminist mother, provided us with a very superior drama indeed. I had one complaint: why were we not shown more of the chess game? Surely the development of the game was a vital part of the symbolism, or why was it introduced in the first place?

Everybody is crowing over me because it seems that, in *Dynasty*, Stephen Carrington, whom I suspected of being a homosexual because of his love of music and his courtesy to Crystal, was about to seduce Matthew's wife at the end of this week's episode. Well, we shall see what we shall see. He laughs last who laughs longest. Or something like that.

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MARKET PLACE

DAVID KRIVINE

Highway robbery

The proposed law mandating that 20 per cent of all car-taxes revenue be devoted to road and highway improvement, to be blunt, is damage. It breaks every rule of proper budgetary planning.

MK Uriel Linn, the bill's sponsor, should know better. As a former top-ranking civil servant, he must be aware that no government department should be handed a large sum that has no relation to any scheduled work programme. As a self-professed liberal, he should realize that the disease afflicting the Israeli economy is government over-spending, and that every proposed outlay must be scrutinized to determine the priority it deserves.

Even assuming that the Treasury's budget for 1986/87 is a faithful application of the economic stabilization programme—which it is not—the government is spending \$500 million more than that document allows.

Allocations—not provided in the estimates—have been made to rescue the cotton farmers, Beit Shimon Engineers Ltd. and Israel Shipyard Ltd. An \$80m. grant went to the National Insurance Institute, because the income-guarantee allowance is index-linked and for a time the index rose faster than wages.

Another \$50m. went to the army. Meanwhile, budget cuts are not made. Subsidies for bus transport are not being reduced as planned; teaching hours are not being reduced as planned; the education levy has not been imposed as planned. Outlays that should have been eliminated—according to the budget law as voted by the Knesset—have not been eliminated total \$140m.

Instead of examining what can be done to bring spending back into line with income, Linn proposes milking the government of an extra \$250m. on roadwork, a sum more than six times the size of the existing budget.

Last week's terrible road accident on the Ta'anach highway, which took the lives of 10 young kibbutzniks, has shocked the nation. Emotional pressures are understandable, but when determining policy the facts still have to be weighed objectively.

The cause of accidents is not the state of the roads. It is careless driving. Improvements help, but the best highways are not accident-free.

If there are dangerous spots, aggravating the risks of careless driving, they should be attended to. That is the job of the Public Works Department. It puts in each year for a road repair, maintenance and development budget. Cabinet and Knesset both study its submission carefully and decide which projects should be approved.

They have to take into account alternative uses of the same money. Ought the sum go to improving roads A, B and C or should it be used to prevent a reduction of classroom hours, to increase the salary of nurses, to bolster the lagging export drive, to finance the Levi, or even not to be spent at all, so as to preserve the country's economic stability?

It may be that some of the road-improvement jobs will rate a high priority and others will be postponed. The money assigned should be tailored to the projects receiving approval. That is the way budgets are put together—not, as Linn advocates, by dispensing a lump sum for whatever ventures Public Works happens to think up, regardless of alternative needs that will have to go by the board.

France, Italy put pressure on Libyans

At least 20 Italian companies trying to recover overdue payments for contracts in Libya are expected to seek a freeze of Libyan assets in Italian banks, Milan court sources reported yesterday.

Meanwhile, French state-owned oil companies and French-based foreign oil companies have stopped buying Libyan crude on government instructions, trade sources said. However, both company officials and industry ministry sources denied the report.

The sources said that the French government had called on firms to boycott Libya's oil after the U.S. air strike on Libya in April as a way of improving relations with the U.S. The French had refused to let U.S. bombers fly over the country.

In Italy, it was disclosed Wednesday that two Italian companies had successfully appealed to a court to set aside \$5 million of Libyan government funds held in Italian banks for possible settlements of their overdue accounts.

The sources said several other companies have already initiated similar legal proceedings for a court order to freeze \$142m. of Libyan money, which is the total amount Libya owes to small and medium-size Italian companies for various contracts.

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Trade gap rose 14% in first 7 months

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter
Israel's trade deficit rose 14 per cent, to \$1.3 billion, in the first seven months of the year, up from \$1.2b. in the same period in 1985, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. But the figures also showed that in the past four months there had been a marked narrowing in the deficit.

The average monthly deficit from April to July was \$150 million, down 30 per cent from the average in the first quarter of the year, according to the bureau. It said the decrease resulted from lower oil prices and an increase in exports.

Exports reached \$2.9b. the first seven months of the year, an increase of 13.8 per cent from the same period in 1985. The average level of exports for the April-July period was 8 per cent higher than the average in the first quarter of the year and in 1985's fourth quarter.

In the first seven months of the year, the bureau reported, imports came to almost \$5.3b., an increase of 13.8 per cent from the same period last year. The CBS added that the average level of imports in the April-July quarter, excluding fuel and diamonds, was 14 per cent higher than the average in the first quarter of the year.

Imports continued to grow strongly in July, fuelled by a surge in consumer-durable and capital-good imports, the bureau said. July imports totalled \$805 million.

The bureau figures showed that in April-July, the average level of consumer goods imports rose to \$80m. a month, 18 per cent higher than the average in the first quarter of the year and 34 per cent higher than in the last quarter of 1985.

The level of imports of consumer

durables doubled from a monthly average of \$17m. in mid-1985 to \$35m. in the last months. The bureau said that in the first seven months of the year the imports of consumer goods totalled \$523m., up 48 per cent from the same period last year.

Imports of capital goods, excluding fuel and diamonds, rose to \$360m. a month on average in April-July, 12 per cent higher than the average figure for each month in the first quarter of the year. Since the beginning of the year, imports of production inputs totalled \$2.3b.

The bureau figures showed that the rapid increase in imports was partially offset by falling international prices of fuel. Imports of fuel totalled \$608m. in the first seven months of the year, down a sharp 31 per cent from \$878m. in the same period last year.

Industrial exports totalled \$2.5b. in January-July, the bureau said. In the April-July period, there was a marked recovery in these exports, despite complaints by industrialists who say export profitability is too low. The figures showed that the average of industrial exports for April-July was \$395m. a month, 8 per cent more than in January-March.

Exports of metallic and electronic goods increased a strong 17 per cent on average each month in the April-July period, up 17 per cent from the first-quarter average. Textile exports increased, 6 per cent from the first quarter, as did those of optical and precision goods, up 6.9 per cent from January-March.

Polished diamond exports continued the strong growth of the past year, averaging \$142m. in April-July, a rise of 13 per cent from the year's first three months.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Ormat completes financing for geothermal plant

Ormat Turbines Ltd. completed a \$135 million financing package this week for the construction of a geothermal power plant in southern California. The package includes an \$85m. equity investment and a \$50m. construction loan from Bankers Trust of New York.

The plant will supply 30 megawatts of electricity to the Southern California Edison Electric Co., using 26 Ormat energy converters. It will be the fourth largest Ormat thermal power plant in the U.S.

Faz Oil Co. has agreed to join in the project, as well as in similar geothermal power plant undertakings.

Ormat designs and builds equipment from low- and moderate-temperature geothermal sources. Its Solmat subsidiary has developed and built an experimental power plant using a solar pond near the Dead Sea.

Project financing for the southern California plant was arranged by E.F. Hutton and Co. and Lamont, Leibman & Co.

DIAMOND EXPORTS were up last month 30 per cent from July 1985 to

\$177.8 million, the Ministry of Industry and Trade reported this week. For the first seven months of the year, sales of diamonds abroad came to \$993.5m., a gain of 46 per cent from a year earlier.

Imports of polished diamonds were down 4 per cent in July to \$14.6m., but were up 46 per cent in the first seven months to \$148.8m., the ministry reported.

Imports of rough diamonds were up 36 per cent in the month, although the ministry did not provide a dollar figure. For the January-September period, rough-diamond imports rose 48 per cent to \$876.1m. The big increase was attributed by the ministry to increased activity in the local polishing industry, mainly in bigger stones.

U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE Clayton Yeutter will come to Israel in November, as the guest of Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, to mark the first anniversary of the bilateral Free-Trade Area Agreement.

Yeutter will head an American delegation consisting of White House trade officials, to discuss the implications and special problems in the FTA Agreement. He will also participate in the Israel-U.S. Trade Week, which is being sponsored by the Israel-U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Industry Ministry.

BUDGET CUTS

(Continued from Page One)

until final agreement had been reached on the extension.

If the extension is approved, the wage component of the public sector framework agreement will be initiated next week. The full agreement will be signed upon completion of the work of three sub-committees dealing with separate issues: reduction of the work week, compulsory arbitration, and pensions.

Agreement on the wage component was reached during a marathon negotiating session on Wednesday. The agreement provides for grade promotions for some 400,000 public sector workers, staggered over the next year.

Workers in the top two grades of the professionals and clerks' wage scales will not be eligible for the promotion, but pensioners will be.

Social workers, nurses and teachers, who are not paid according to a wage scale, and career soldiers and policemen, whose scales differ from those in the civil service, will be dealt with separately and will receive "appropriate compensation," according to Treasury wages director Hillel Duda'i.

Duda'i hailed the agreement as "historic," because, for the first time, it did not include a wage increase and would take effect after signing, rather than retroactively. The cost to the state budget in the current fiscal year would be "very low," Duda'i said, without giving details.

Haberfeld countered that the Histadrut regarded the upgrading of workers as a wage rise. As a result of the upgrading, wages should rise by an average of 7-8 per cent, Haberfeld said.

Both Duda'i and Haberfeld agreed that the agreement would ensure continued economic stability and would have little effect on parallel negotiations in the private sector.

The agreement will take effect on October 1 and will be in force for one year only. All workers who have occupied their current grade for a year or more will be promoted in October. Those who have occupied a grade for less than a year will be promoted when one year is up.

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STATISTICS MARKET

Indices:

General Share Index	113.91 -0.07%
Non-Bank Index	137.93 +0.24%
Arrangement	104.20 -0.23%
Discount	151.47 +0.09%
Commerce, Services	162.22 +0.51%
Real Estate	171.48 +0.50%
Industries	125.82 +0.38%
Metals	152.61 +0.20%
Electronics	120.65 -0.02%
Chemicals	82.19 +0.44%
Industrial Invest.	133.49 +0.47%
Investment Cos.	115.43 -0.05%
General Bond Index	110.03 -0.35%
Index-linked Bonds	111.11 +0.04%
Fully-linked	112.90 +0.15%
Partially-linked	108.95 -0.06%
Short-term 0-2 yrs.	88.85 -0.13%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs.	108.28 +0.02%
Long-term 5+ yrs.	105.50 +0.09%

Turnovers:

Shares—total	NIS 5,635,700
Arrangement	NIS 1,982,500
Non-Bank	NIS 3,673,200
Bonds—total	NIS 9,394,400
Index-linked	NIS 6,252,200
Dollar-linked	NIS 3,131,000
Treasury Bills	NIS 2,109,800

Share Movements:

Advances	331 (177)
of which 5%+	2 (18)
"buyers only"	5 (1)
Declines	130 (81)
of which 5%+	2 (1)
"sellers only"	13 (8)
Unchanged	115 (117)
Trading Halt	44 (45)

Bond Market Trends:

Index-linked	14.53%
3% fully-linked	Rises to 19%

Selected Price Quotations

Name	Price	Volume	% Change
Metr Ezra	4500	45	+2.3
Supersol 2	5570	1367	+4.3
Delek 1	3100	1506	+0.2
Lightage	14390	90	+8.9
Cold Storage	2200	409	—
Dan Hotel	3505	3	-1.0
Yarden Hotel	3150	131	-0.3
Hilon 1	13630	12	-0.1
Team 1	1750	217	—

Commercial Banks

(part of "arrangement")			
Maritime 1	1045	936	+2.5
General non-arr.	26440	41	—
First Int'l	32400	2520	+1.1
FB	4200	5862	+5.3

Commercial Banks

(part of "arrangement")			
IDB	79070	398	—
Union 0.1	59800	102	-0.3
Discount	39500	249	—
Mizrahi	32400	419	-0.6
Hapoelim	53650	784	-0.2
General A	137100	30	-0.7
Leumi 0.1	34040	1457	-0.6
Fin. Trade	45610	—	—

Mortgage Banks

Leumi Mort. r	5118	391	+2.0
Dev. Mort.	1540	1090	+0.7
Mishkan r	2127	189	-5.0
Tefahot r	13150	29	-4.0
Mezav r	5200	398	+0.4

Financial Institutions

Agri. C.	not trading		
Ind. Dev. DD	not trading		
Cit. Lending 0.1	13800	50	—

Insurance

Arant 0.1 r	872	245	+0.3
Haasrah r	485	15248	+0.8
Phoenix 0.1	720	564	+1.6
Hamahmar	8330	30	-0.5
Maharab 1	8000	19	+1.3
Sahar 1	5000	98	-5.5
Zion Hold. 1	8527	—	-0.0



Prime Minister Peres (left), clothed in protective garments to prevent contamination, visits a clean room in National Semiconductor's Centre for Microelectronics in Migdal Ha'emek, yesterday. With him is the company's general manager, Giora Yaron. Peres visited the facility as part of a tour of the city.

WORLD BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Analysts doubt Iran can limit Iraqi oil output

BAHRAIN (Reuters). — Iran is unlikely to be able to deliver on its threat to limit Iraq's substantial oil output militarily, oil analysts in the Gulf region said yesterday.

They said Iran showed remarkable pragmatism at the Opec meeting in Geneva in allowing Iraq freedom to produce at whatever levels it chose as part of an agreement to restrict overall Opec output for September and October.

But Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Azgahdeh's threat to lower Iraq's output, now almost two million barrels per day, to its old quota of 1.2 million by military means was unrealistic, they added.

In six years of war with Iraq, Iran has cut off Iraqi exports through the Gulf but has failed to stop Iraqi production or exports via pipelines to the Red or the Mediterranean seas.

TEXTILE IMPORTS to the U.S. cannot continue to increase unchecked, despite the House of Representatives failure on Wednesday to override President Reagan's veto of a measure aimed at severely reducing them, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said yesterday.

In a televised press conference from Washington, Baldrige said the White House would block any further attempts to block imports of textiles from Asia. The House vote on the bill restricting the imports, popularly known as the Jenkins bill after its chief sponsor, would have badly hurt such exporters as Hongkong, South Korea and Taiwan.

THE DOLLAR lost ground to all major currencies, except the pound sterling, on world currency markets yesterday. Dealers attributed much of the decline to speculation that Opec would not be able to carry out planned production cuts.

In Tokyo, the U.S. currency fell to a record low against the yen, despite reported intervention by the Bank of

Japan, ending at 153.75, down 0.90 yen.

In London, the dollar dropped to 2.066 Deutschmarks and 1.6695 Swiss francs, but the pound eased to \$1.4765 from \$1.4775. Dealers in London said that in addition to Opec speculation, the market was also responding to the Reagan administration's downward forecast for 1986 U.S. economic growth.

UNION BANK OF KENYA gripped by a cash crisis, closed its doors to the public yesterday, becoming the second Kenyan bank to do so in a month.

Following central-bank instructions, Nairobi banks are rejecting cheques issued by the two-year-old U.B.K. banking sources said. Nonetheless, U.B.K.'s general manager said Wednesday evening that the bank had cleared the overdraft on its clearing account and would rejoin the system. Nairobi newspapers said the overdraft had been \$778,000.

ROYAL DUTCH SHELL, Europe's largest oil company, yesterday underlined the cost of this year's dramatic slump in crude prices when it reported a 27 per cent fall in earnings to \$1.86 billion for the first half of the year.

The firm said that a stronger performance in its oil and chemical-product business was more than offset by sharply lower earnings from oil and gas exploration and production following the slide in crude-oil prices and a weakening dollar.

Second-quarter net earnings dropped 16 per cent, to \$804 million.

STERLING'S WEAKNESS on currency markets due to oil-price worries has laid to rest any lingering speculation that the pound might enter the currency grid of the European Monetary System before the next British general election, analysts say.

With less than two years before she must seek re-election, and the economy not yet living up to promises made in the government's budget, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is seen as unlikely to relinquish the exchange rate flexibility allowed by staying outside the EMS fluctuation limits.

FINANCIAL DATA: ISRAEL, EUROPE, U.S.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

SHEKEL INTEREST RATES
PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	Last Updated	7 Days	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months
LEUMI	7.8	7.8	8.15%	8.15%	8.15%	8.15%
HAPOALIM	7.7	7.7	8.14%	8.14%	8.14%	8.14%
DISCOUNT	30.7	30.7	8.15%	8.15%	8.15%	8.15%
MIZRAHI	8.5	8.5	8.15%	8.15%	8.15%	8.15%
FRST INT'L	23.7	23.7	8.15%	8.15%	8.15%	8.15%

Rates vary according to size of deposit.
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PATAH — FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (August 7)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	5.875	5.875	5.875
STG	5.875	5.875	5.875
DMK	4.000	4.000	4.000
SFR	3.275	3.275	3.275
YEN	3.250	3.250	3.250

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SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES (August 7)

		CHEQUES AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep. Rates
		Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	
Basket of currencies	1	1.4830	1.5010	1.4830	1.5010	1.4919
U.S.A. Dollar	1	1.4830	1.5010	1.48	1.53	1.4930
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Coexistence and its foes

IT IS A TRUTH to which homage is regularly paid by Israeli politicians that a way must be found to ensure the peaceful coexistence of Jews and Arabs in this country. The latest party and governmental leader to affirm this truth has been the vice premier, Yitzhak Shamir, in an interview with the Hebrew-language monthly *Monitin*.

This week the government took an important step that should at least reduce needless friction between Arabs and Jews in Galilee.

A ministerial committee headed by Prime Minister Shimon Peres decided, after lengthy deliberation, to return what remains of Galilee's Area 9 as a military training zone to private Arab land owners, and to the state, for civilian use at its discretion. The decision has been greeted enthusiastically in the three Arab villages - Saknin, Arrabe and Deir Hanna - that have rights to land within the area.

The entire area is small, but it has, over the years, been the scene of bitter disputes between the villagers, who would plant olive trees on their lands, and the army, which would uproot the trees.

Since the military are now convinced that they can, after 38 years' use, do without Area 9, there would seem to be no good reason for Jews of goodwill - not least members of Mr. Shamir's party, Herut - not to applaud the committee's decision. The only comments to arrive from the Herut corner, however, have so far been in the form of poison arrows.

The committee was made up of the three ministers who deal with relevant matters of defence, agriculture and Arab affairs, besides the premier himself. But the fact that all four of them happen to be affiliated with the Alignment - and that the moving spirit behind the decision was a Herut defector, Ezer Weizman - was evidently taken by Herut's Uzi Landau as sufficient proof of his charge that it was all an Alignment plot to curry electoral favour with the Arabs at the expense of the Jewish majority and the state interest.

That the decision may have in part been meant as an electoral ploy cannot, of course, be disproved, any more than it could be proven that Menachem Begin's early, and still unfulfilled, promise to restore the villages of Ikrit and Bir'inu to their original Arab inhabitants, was not designed to win votes among Arabs. But why should the army's withdrawal from Area 9 be detrimental to the Jews and to the state?

Because, contends MK Landau, the restoration of Arab land rights in the area would make havoc of the planning process and thus hold up the project for "Judaizing" Galilee. (How 6,850 dunams in one locality would so affect all of Galilee is not explained.) And because it would be cited by Arabs as a precedent to back up their demand for the return of the 23 abandoned Arab villages in Galilee whose lands have been cultivated by Jews since after the War of Independence.

In other words, don't yield an inch to the Arabs, even if it is due to them, or they will think they are the rulers. Only when they learn that they are not, and never will be, will their loyalty to the state be rendered secure.

Whether this is, or is to be, the official Herut, and thus the Likud, view on the issue is at the moment unknown. Mr. Shamir has, however, been invited by Mr. Landau to raise the future of Area 9 in the inner cabinet - plainly with a view to scrapping the ministerial committee's decision - and in the meantime to make sure that no action is taken towards implementation of the decision.

The invitation ought to be seized by Mr. Shamir as an opportunity to reaffirm his belief in the peaceful coexistence of Jews and Arabs, and to commit himself publicly to the pursuit of the line of policy indicated by the ministerial committee when he takes the premiership in the national unity government two months from now.

AFTER ROTATION

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as a warning to Shamir not to back-track on progress or commitments made during the past two years. One party veteran speculated that Peres was also preparing a pre-emptive defence in case he is prevented from functioning fully as foreign minister.

Peres's speech was a harsh attack on the Likud ministers, whom he repeatedly characterized as "naysayers." Summing up his two years in office, he said that Israel was in a significantly better position, domestically and in the eyes of the world, than it had been two years ago.

While stressing his and Labour's readiness to negotiate unconditionally with Jordan and Palestinian representatives, Peres opposed the call by party doves for Labour's platform to be altered to include recognition of the Palestinians' right to self-determination.

"We don't need candies such as self-determination," Peres said. "Formulas won't help us achieve negotiations." It made no sense for Israel to deprive itself of its opening position, he said.

POSTSCRIPTS

AS THE MOVEMENT escalates against apartheid rule, whites across South Africa are hedging their bets in a new way - by tuning in to a new television series that purports to teach Zulu in six months.

Four times per week, twice for English speakers and twice for speakers of Afrikaans, local television presents lessons in the language of South Africa's largest black ethnic group, Zulu.

In the first lessons, in which three black teachers are presented giving lessons to a white student, viewers learned to say "sawubona," or hello, "unjani" (how are you), "mama" (madame) and "baba" (mister).

Among jokes inspired by the programme: "The definition of a white optimist is someone who is learning Zulu. A white pessimist is someone learning Xhosa."

This is a reference to the fact that the leader of the Zulu community, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, is considered one of the country's most influential black moderates.

The most well-known Xhosa is Nelson Mandela, the imprisoned leader of the banned African National Congress.

GSS affair: the loose ends

Benny Morris

WITH THE publication on Wednesday of the High Court of Justice ruling upholding the presidential pardons, the government appears to have cleared a major hurdle on the road to a quiet, if unnecessarily belated, resolution of the General Security Service affair. Barring a last-minute hitch - which could come in the form of an appeal by the petitioners for a review of the ruling by a five-man bench of High Court justices and agreement to this procedure by Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar - the pardons granted by President Chaim Herzog a month ago to four GSS executives stand, considerably neutralizing the recently initiated police investigation of the affair.

What is in prospect is a rather bizarre and ineffectual going-through-the-motions investigation in which both investigators and those being investigated will reluctantly unravel the web of deceptions spun by the GSS during 1984-85, after the killing of two captured Arab terrorists in April 1984. Reluctantly, because the police officers will feel uncomfortable interrogating their colleagues from the prestigious secret service about a messy and prolonged series of crimes; because they will be aware that their unique investigation is not geared to finding culprits or bringing suspects to book; and because the GSS men, even though graced by pardons, are hardly likely to relish revealing the details concerning the brutal beating and homicide, perjury, falsification of evidence, and framing of Aluf Yitzhak Mordechai.

Indeed, the High Court's upholding of the pardons will, in all likelihood, lead to a request for and receipt of pardons by the other 10 or so GSS operatives involved, making the revelation of the "political" truth in the affair highly unlikely, for two reasons. Had the court annulled the pardons, the clamour for a full-scale judicial commission of inquiry instead of a police investigation would have been renewed, especially by the GSS officers involved. Lacking pardons, they would have feared that a police investigation would inevitably focus on their crimes and lead to their prosecution. Therefore, they would have preferred a judicial commission of inquiry, which, with wider powers and terms of reference, would (unlike the police) have been under no obligation to recommend prosecutions and, in any case, would have focused much of its attention on the functioning or malfunctioning of the political echelon with respect to the handling of the affair and its aftermath.

In addition, GSS ex-chief Avraham Shalom, protected by his pardon, has no compelling, immediate need to try to unload some of his responsibility and guilt onto the political echelon. That need - and

perhaps the truth - was embodied in his letter requesting the pardon from President Herzog. In it, he wrote that he had acted in the affair "with permission and authority," implicitly pointing a finger at his former superior then prime minister Yitzhak Shamir.

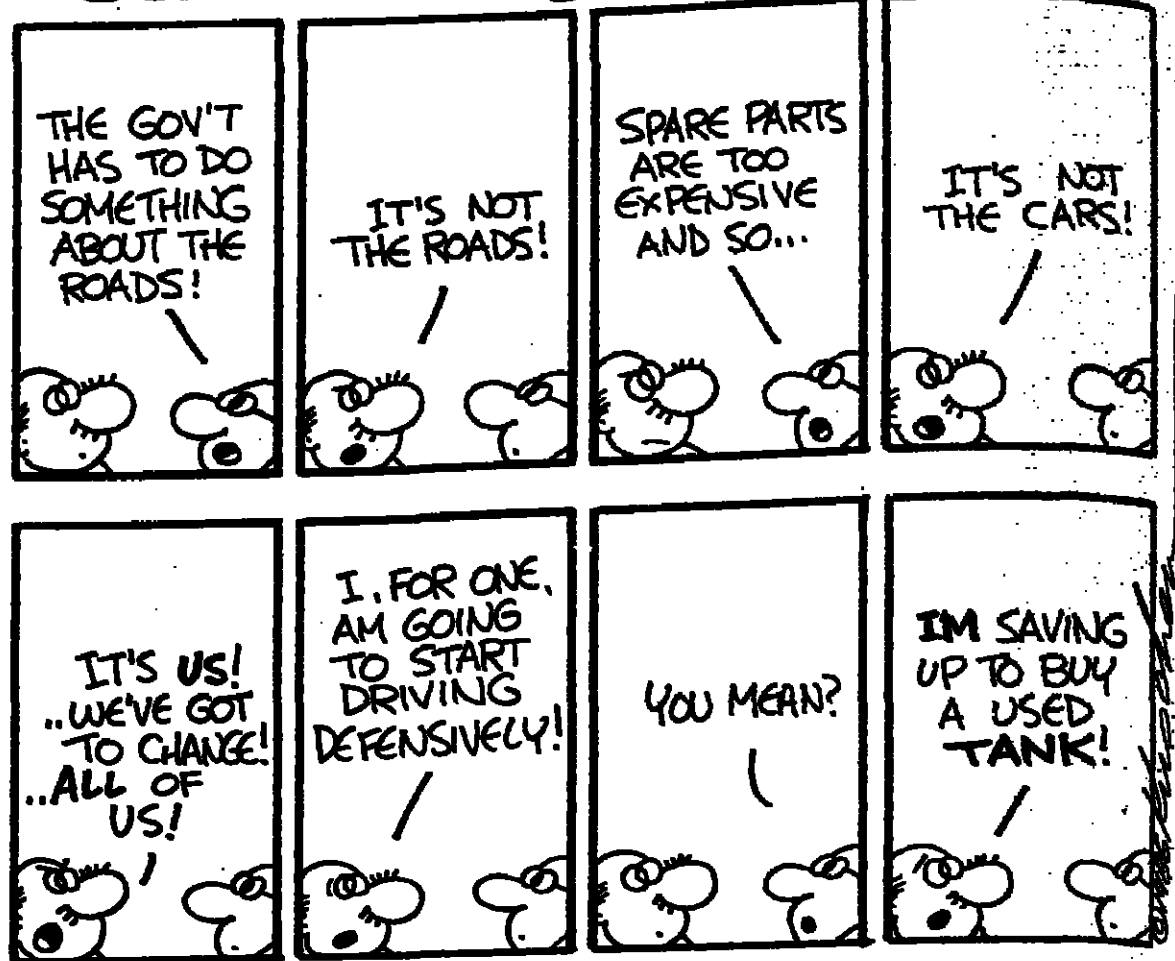
That phrase was written before Shalom had the pardon and it triggered a rather bitter rift between the two men. Shalom is probably the only man (apart from Shamir and Peres and, to a lesser degree, ex-deputy GSS chief Reuven Hazak) who can testify to the extent of the two political leaders' complicity in the affair at its various stages. After the High Court ruling, Shalom may feel that it is best to leave well enough alone - especially as, leaving the GSS, he may still be interested in finding employment in the security field. (During the past several months, press reports have suggested that Shamir had offered to hire Shalom as his anti-terrorism adviser when he takes over as premier in October).

THE POLICE investigators' interest in the political echelon may well focus on the meaning of Shalom's assertion that he had acted "with permission and authority" if only because that may be the only piece of hard evidence linking the politicians to the GSS affair. (It is unclear, incidentally, why the press and public exclusively linked the phrase to Shamir. It is true that he was premier during the actual killing of the two Arabs in April 1984, but was prime minister for only five months thereafter. Peres has been premier since September 1984, meaning that he has been in charge of the GSS and in weekly contact with Shalom for most of the period of the cover-up, and of the GSS perjury and falsification of evidence).

But Shalom may now prefer obfuscating his meaning rather than point an accusing finger at either politician - which probably would not have been the case had his pardon been annulled. As it is, the police, Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev's assertions notwithstanding, could well find it difficult to pursue their investigation vigorously with regard to the political echelon. Police investigations are geared to uncovering evidence and establishing guilt in criminal cases. Unlike the proposed judicial commission of inquiry, it is not the police's job to examine and pass judgment on the competence or incompetence and functioning of politicians in office (except insofar as it involves criminal offences).

Generally, the police are uncomfortable with investigating politicians - for obvious reasons. These reasons will be very powerful indeed in the present case, involving the questioning of prime ministers and the leaders of the two main parties.

The Friday Dry Bones



Without Shalom pointing at Shamir and Peres and saying: "They gave the order" or "They agreed to the cover-up" or "They knew about the cover-up and preferred silence," the police may have no basis to investigate the political echelon.

FOLLOWING the High Court ruling, the purpose of a police probe of the "operational echelon" also seems unclear. There will be no trials as the remaining GSS officers involved will seek, and presumably receive, pardons. And the main lines of what happened are already abundantly clear: In April 1984, GSS officers brutally interrogated and then executed (or "lynched," in Shamir's words) two captured Arab terrorists, at Shalom's orders. Shalom and his aides then organized a systematic falsification of evidence and perjury before two official inquiries (the Zorea Commission and the Blattman probe, 1984-85) and before the internal GSS disciplinary court.

All this probably means that Shamir and Peres have (so far) and in a narrow sense "succeeded" - they will not be seriously investigated and their functioning in office will not be judged. The road to rotation in October has been cleared of a major - possibly the only major - obstacle.

But the affair is far from dead. In the longer view, it is worth remembering that in such affairs, there is intermittent percolation and bubbling, that every few months or years "conscience" or pique will get the upper hand in one or more of the protagonists, forcing to the surface this or that as yet unplumbed fact.

MAJOR CRIMES have been committed and appear (in the short

term) to go unpunished. This is contrary to human society and human nature. Societies generally punish the perpetrators, generally seek punishment, if only as a means of expiation or to deter similar crimes. The natural drive for punishment and for expiation represent "loose ends."

This affair has left a great many human loose ends, which may in one fashion or another unravel in the coming months. To begin with, there is Avraham Shalom who, if excluded from public office, must face the prospect of "life outside" and personal stigma for the rest of his days. In the long term, ending a brilliant career on such a note may prove beyond endurance, unless cushioned by a spilling of beans about shared guilt on the political level.

Then there are the three other pardoned GSS executives, including the organization's two legal advisers. Though technically the presidential pardons may free the two legal advisers from any professional blemish, can the civilian legal community be expected to accept as working colleagues two men who systematically subverted law and justice for two years and helped "frame" an IDF brigadier-general for a crime GSS men committed?

And, if excluded from collegial respect and professional success, can these men also be expected to hold their peace for ever?

EVEN IF the "criminals" - as these men have defined themselves - remain silent, how long can their victims be expected to do so? Will Aluf Yitzhak Mordechai, never speak out? Will the two dissident

GSS officers who blew the whistle - Reuven Hazak and Peleg Raddai - remain silent forever? Will Hazak, who was virtually dismissed by Peres in October 1985 when he came to complain to the prime minister about the killings, the cover-up and Shalom, always hold his tongue? Or will he and Raddai, who probably know something about the involvement of the political echelon and know everything about how Peres tried to "bury" them and the affair, at some point let loose against Peres and, possibly, against Shamir?

And there are the officials who were involved from the sidelines in various stages of the affair - Justice Ministry officials frustrated in their pursuit of justice (former attorney-general Yitzhak Zamir, the married-to State Attorney Yona Blattman, and attorneys Beinshi, Tar and Karp) and aides to the prime minister dissatisfied with Peres's handling of the affair. All could, and may well, one day speak out, sending shock waves down the years and around the political arena.

And, lastly, there are legislators who will seek to change this or that aspect of the laws found wanting in the affair. Acting on the suggestion of all three High Court justices, there will be MKs who will seek to legislate a tighter and more reasonable definition of the president's right to pardon; there will be MKs who will seek to regulate and improve the procedures for selecting attorney-general; and there will be MKs who will seek to anchor in law the supervision and control of the security services by an authority above the chiefs of the GSS and the Mossad, in addition to the prime minister. At each juncture, the affair is likely to resurface, generating waves.

READERS' LETTERS

END RECKLESS DRIVING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - According to news reports, there is talk of more funds for highway development and driver education in a belated response to tragic road accidents such as the recent death of nine children and the driver in a head-on collision. Presumably this would be helpful, if it does not end in mere talk.

What is more likely to put brakes on reckless driving in Israel, is getting more, many more, motorized police to patrol our streets and highways, and to have courts where individuals caught speeding or in any other way breaking a traffic law would be speedily brought to trial and heavily fined and, on second offence, have the driver's license revoked.

These simple facts of life are bound to be effective in stopping the carnage on our streets and roads. The money spent on increasing the number of competent motorized police would most likely be recovered several times over in fines collected. There would be also substantial savings in hospital expenditures for the care of those with broken bones or worse as a result of car accidents, of labour-time and productivity lost, and lives saved. The expenditure for more patrolling of our streets and highways would be cost-effective in every conceivable way. Israel especially simply cannot afford its terribly high rate of automobile accidents and consequent tragic toll of lives.

M. S. GOLDSTEIN
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USEFUL HELP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - I should like to thank you for publishing my letter asking for information about Aristides Mendes and Portuguese efforts to save refugees from the Nazis. I have already received some very interesting replies and am grateful for your help.

P. NEWMAN
The University of Leeds

EVEN WORSE!

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - In an editorial of July 29, you wrote that Avraham Shamir was just about the worst possible choice for Minister of Justice. I could not agree more.

However, matters could have been even worse. The Liberal Party could have picked Gideon Patt or Sarah Doron.

Jerusalem. MAURICE MANOR

DISPENSING JUSTICE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - In a front-page news item on July 29, Barbara Amoury reports the comments of "a senior police source" concerning the High Court of Justice's review of the presidential pardons in the Shin Bet affair.

Ms Amoury reports that: "According to the source, if the pardons are annulled, it will be very 'unseemly' for police to interrogate Shin Bet chief Avraham Shalom and his three senior aides as 'common criminals'..."

The senior police source is also quoted as saying: "If the pardons are annulled, it will be difficult for justice to be done because the Shin Bet officials' confessions were made to the president in their pardon requests..."

There are some points to be made:

Since the court had not yet handed down its ruling, the senior police source's comments might reasonably be considered an attempt to influence the court's decision. This would be a punishable offence; it might even be considered "unseemly."

Under any circumstances whatever, it is *hutzpa* for a police official to term "unseemly" what is required of the police in the course of an investigation legally ordered by the previous attorney-general, recommended to the cabinet by the present attorney-general, and ordered by the cabinet.

Finally, and fortunately, the doing of justice - however difficult - is not the business of the police. It is the business of the courts.

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